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Guest Speaker will be Art Edwards, President of Brookhaven Communications in Rocky Point. Mr. Edwards will lecture on fish finders and depth recorders for use by sport fishermen on small boats. Several models will be on display, and their operation and methods of installation will be fully explained.

Mr. Edwards will then lecture on a second subject: "Radio and its use in fishing." C.B. radio for use by sport fishermen both on boats and in beach buggies will be discussed. Other means of communications for boat owners while out fishing will also be covered. These include the new F.C.C.—approved VHF-FM equipment now in use by private boatmen and marinas. Mr. Edwards will demonstrate the use of these transceivers, and answer all questions put to him.

All Island sport fishermen are invited to attend this meeting. Admission is free, and coffe will be served. Membership applications will be available at the meeting. The N.B.S.F.C. was chartered by the State of New York in 1970, and is still growing. More than 20 Islanders have joined since January.

For more information on the North Brookhaven Sport Fishermen's Club, call in the Lake Ronkonkoma area: 588-6080, and in the Rocky Point area, call 744-6260.

### PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB

On May 11th the Patchogue Fishing Club held it's annual weakfish derby in the area around Heckscher State Park. Weigh-in was at 12 noon to make sure all were home for Mother's Day dinner. With 30 men out, well over 100 fish were brought in. More than half were over 4 lb. Top honors went to Joel Runkel with a 7 lb. 7 oz. fish. A tie for second place with 6 lb. 8 oz. went to junior member Scott Ritchie and Tournament Chairman Tom Forbes.

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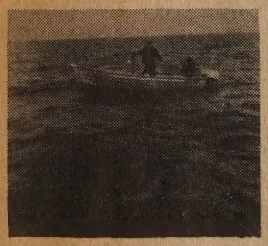

ABOUT THE COVER: L.I.F. Subscriber Jim Dolan of Brentwood hefts the 11 pound 8 ounce weakfish that maybe a tie for the 12 lb. class I.G.F.A. World's Record. Jim took the tide-runner on an amber Salty Dog by Buoy 4 off Heckscher State Park, a weakfish hotspot he read about in The Long Island Fisherman.


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# EDITORIAL

Our fisheries are under attack from so many directions that it sometimes would seem to be wise to surrender the world to the profiteers and private business interests.

Although the most pressing topics of the moment would seem to be the 200 mile limit, offshore oil drilling, and sludge dumping, our anadramous species seem to take it on the chin both in salt water where they feed and in major fresh water rivers where they spawn. Even when we think that government has finally come up with a logical solution to an environmental problem involving these species, we may find that the problem is resurrected at every turn in the road.

Here we go again with the problem of striped bass, power plants, and the Hudson River. Several years ago the Atomic Energy Commission (now the Nuclear Regulatory Commission) released its findings that climaxed a long, objective, and extensive research program on the effects of Con Edison's Indian Point Power generating units on the Hudson River population of striped bass. To refresh your memory, the (then) A.E.C. said that if the units were to be cooled directly with river water, the Hudson River stock of the species would be in jeopardy. So the commission ordered Con Edison to construct closed-system cooling towers on unit II by May 1, 1979 and on unit III by September 1980, while there was no requirement placed upon the cooling of generating unit I.

The order by the A.E.C. was supported not only by their own independent research, but also by the United States Environmental Protection Agency which took a very similar position. Then further support came from the United States Department of the Interior. The Department presented a very similar view in the form of written comments.

However, on May 22, 1975 there was a public hearing at Hendrick Hudson High School Auditorium in Montrose, New York. The hearing was about the proposed acquisition of Indian Point Generating Unit No. III from Con Edison by the Power Authority of the State of New York.

This editorial is being written prior to that meeting to meet our deadlines, so we can't report any results. But is distressing to have learned that the Power Authority of our State plans to contest the N.R.C. (formerly A.E.C.) requirments for cooling towers. We recognize as quickly as the next guy that the addition of closed-system towers is going to be expensive, but we also know that the loss of the Hudson River stock of striped bass would also be expensive in terms of the loss of a species of animal life, the loss of jobs that depend upon fishing and tourism, and the consequences to the economy of State of New York if the millions of dollars spent each year in the New York Marine District by striped bass fishermen while pursuing their quarry were removed from the economy.

Expensive as it may be in dollars and cents, we will have to pay a few extra bucks in order to have our energy and ecological balance too.

It is the position of *The Long Island Fisherman* that the Power Authority of the State of New York should not seek an amendment to the requirements issued by the N.R.C. when and if they acquire Indian Point Generating Unit No. 3. We believe that it is unwise to seek a ruling contrary to a position that has been put forth by three separate arms of the Federal Government. We have reason to believe that both the research performed by the N.R.C. and their orders pursuant to the operation of the power generating equipment was done without prejudice and with the support of good scientific thinking and good scientists.

William A. Fuller

# Chum Lines

*CLUBS FOR SENIORS*

I would like to see a few items in reference to clubs or organizations that are interested in senior citizens in your Club Column. There are many old timers, retired, who would like to join these clubs. I speak in behalf of many who would like to join toward this membership, especially the ones that can't get transportation to different points. *Peter DiMattio.*

*We son't know of any local clubs composed of senior citizens, or of any that make special arrangements to accomodate them.*

*If such clubs do exist, I would welcome hearing from them. Their names and addressed would be made available through* Club News. *G.V.*

*LET YOUR FEELINGS BE KNOWN!*

This is a copy of a letter sent to: Governor Hugh Carey, Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., and Senators William Buckley and Jacob Javits.

"The evidence is clear. One of this nation's (and state's) greatest assets is the ocean waters that touch its shores. As a source of food and recreation potential, these oceans are invaluable. Because of New York State's large shore line, Long Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, it has an inherent interest in the preservation of the quality and productivity of these waters.

This national and state resource is being seriously endangered by proposed off-shore drilling, by foreign fishing fleets, by garbage dumping off New York Harbor, and by proposed nuclear power plants on the shores of the Sound.

The oil wells and the nuclear plants can, at best, alleviate our energy problems for only a short time. They have the real potential of destroying forever the marshes, the water, the fish, and the beaches.

The foreign fishing fleets should be kept beyond the 200 mile limit. Russia is well on the way to decimating our fish population as she has her own. I realize that our western tuna fleets are not in favor of this legislation because it would crimp their style off South America. However, considering the manner in which these same tuna fleets are wiping out the porpoise population to get at the tuna schools, I find it difficult to sympathize with them. It must be remembered that they are doing to the South Americans what the foreign fleets are doing to us.

The garbage dumping by New York City is inexcusable. Modern methods of converting garbage to fuel should be employed by the city. What they are doing is like dumping their solid wastes into their bath tub and refrigerator.

It is time that we took an active stand on these issues. There have been enough words. It will be too late to act after the oceans, marshes, beaches and fish are destroyed. Yours truly, Daniel J. Hannigan, DVM"

*Thanks for sending us a copy. Would you do us one more favor? Should you receive any responses, please forward copies to me.*

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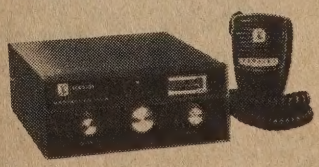

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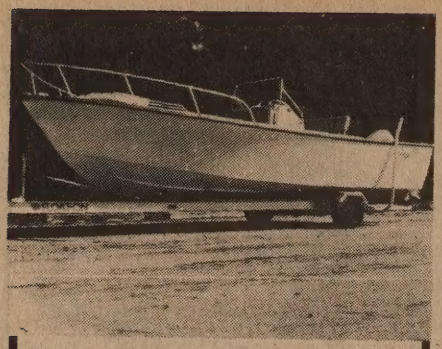

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I have been insulted on numerous occasions by what I consider to be cheap commercial gimicks. I am glad to say the *The L.I.F.* has still not yet done this. So I wish you many prosperous years ahead in reporting to fishermen what they want to hear. *W.J. Spies.*

# News Releases

### CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL REEFS TOPIC OF BOOK

The proceedings of the first conference devoted entirely to the subject of artificial reefs has been published and is now available from Texas A&M University. Entitled "Prodeedings of an International Conference on Artificial Reefs," the 152-page volume contains the texts of the over 30 papers presented at the conference, held last year in Houston.

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Last year's conference on artificial reefs was sponsored by the Texas A&M Sea Grant College Program, the Texas Coastal and Marine Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Topics discussed included activities in other countries, scientific views, artificial reef construction, and economic and legal ramification of building reefs.

Price of the book is $4, and it may be ordered from the Center for Marine Resources, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843. Refer to pulication number TAMU-SG-74-103.

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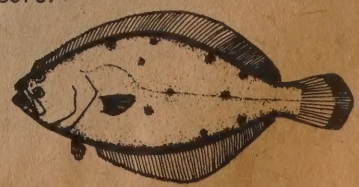

# Match the (Salt) Hatch

## by Doug Brown

The day was off to a beautiful start. A soft mist hung over the bay and a mild temperature, so familiar to the angler, was present. The sun would rise soon, burn off the mist and bring the mercury to its senses.

This is the time that every devoted weak or snapper fisherman waits for. Suddenly, in a burst of life, the sea came alive; spearing erupted all over with weakfish and snapper blues in hot pursuit.

I lazily cast my tiny jig several feet beyond the hungry fish. Nothing. I knew the fish weren't going to stay around long, so desperately I reached into my tacklebox and pulled out a minature plug. Several casts later I was still fishless. I then tried a Salty Dog. What seemed to be some hooked seaweed turned out to be a small bunker.

Suddenly, a voice from behind said, "A bunker? Try this."

He handed me a large spoon, shaded blue with an undersized hook. So ff with the shrimp and on with the spoon. After several casts my line tightened up, my rod made a nice arc and my drag sizzled in the direction of a snapper blue. Soon a 1½-pounder lay at my feet, slapping his tail in revolt.

Here is one example of "matching the hatch." That's right! It means to present your lure so that it imitates the bait the fish are presently eating. One slight problem: how does one figure out what the fish are eating, so that it can be imitated? Here's some help:

The first step in improving your catch is to become familiar with the life cycle of each particular species. For example: know whether it likes deep or shallow water, the type of food it eats, at what level it feeds, and if it will take artificials. Some fish, like our flounder, rarely or never take lures. This at least puts you in the right boat. Now to narrow it down some.

If the fish are on the surface, you should be able to see either the bait or the fish themselves. Match the bait with a lure and you have it. But try different retrieves, some slow and some fast. Experiment! Work the lure some.

The real problem occurs when you can't see the bait or the fish. It's a great help to be a native of the area you plan on fishing, or know someone who is familiar with the habits of fish and marine life in that area. On Long Island there is a worm hatch in March and grass shrimp hatch in May. Sand eels hatch several times throughout the year.

Then check over *The Fisherman* for what's happening during the week you plan on fishing. I have found it to be accurate and helpful. Don't forget to glance over the tide tables, as they can make or break your day. Generally speaking though, I've found a moving tide the best for most fish.

You should have a selection of lures that have been known killers of certain fish. When fishing for weakfish, for example, you should have several Salty Dogs, a couple of Lupo shrimp (pink and gray), a jig like the Hopkins and several varieties of spoons. All these lures should be in a couple of different sizes and colors.

Having various lures of different sizes and weights, you must experiment with various retrieves: rapid, slow, jigging, letting the lure settle to the bottom and then working it. Now that you have your first fish, how could you improve on that? I remember several times, after catching fish, seeing the bait they had been eating regurgitated all over the deck. If that happens, simply match that bait.

Another way to find out what the fish are eating is to gut it right away. Examine the stomach contents very carefully, you can usually identify what they were eating. If you should find it contains a whiting or a ling, you know they are prowling somewhere about two feet above the bottom. If it contains clams and little crabs you can figure they are feeding very close or right on the bottom. Now that you know where they are eating, you can adjust your lure's weight accordingly.

You should always experiment with your lures' colors. Change them regularly until you find the one that produces. As a general rule, use dark colors on overcast days and bright colors on sunny days.

Please understand that these are opinions based upon my own experiences. Yet I hope these scribblings will help you in the coming season.

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# *Facilities On Long Island*

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If there are any inaccuracies in the listing contact me, care of *The Fisherman*. Due to the possibility of changes in operating procedures or services, the phone numbers of the facilities were given whenever possible.

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# FRESHWATER FISHING
## with Angelo Peluso

# *Let's Go Bassin'*

It is with considerable enjoyment that I sit with pen in hand to jot down some of the more pertinent facts relating to Long Island black bass fishing. This happens to be my favorite game fish, and as the Long Island opening day of June 1 approaches I can feel the anxiety steadily build.

Many might view with skepticism a presentation making reference to the excellent L.I. black bass population, since most of the "bass" emphasis in our region is placed upon the salty striper. But for those of us who pursue the bass of lakes, ponds and rivers, L.I. has a lot to offer.

Most of the Island's fresh water bodies contain largemouth bass (a few contain smallmouth) in sufficient numbers to make a day's outing an enjoyable venture. The fish are there. Getting them to accept your bait or lure may be another totally different story.

I have found that the average L.I. bass tends to be a bit larger than its more northern upstate cousins. The climatic influences of our coastal water is a very significant factor relating to this growth. The warming influence of the water, in addition to its slower reaction to temperature changes, adds to the creation of a fairly moderate and consistent climate. This also enables the bass to feed longer since the feeding season has been, in effect, extended. It is only logical to assume that those that eat more will grow more.

A question that is often asked in bass circles is whether or not the Island's waters have the capabilities for a potential state record. Let me present a few instances and leave it to you to draw your own conclusions.

1. In October of 1974 Long Island Bassmaster Ed Roberts caught, in two consecutive days of fishing on Montauk's Fort Pond, an 8 lb. 12 oz., largemouth bass and a smaller (smaller!) 8-pounder.

2. During the 1973 season Dr. Bill Bartik wrestled an 8 lb. 13 oz. largemouth from the depths of Lake Ronkonkoma. By the way, that's not too far away from the present state record.

3. Toward the latter part of the 1974 season another well known angling doctor, Dr. Martin Azzara, proceeded to take, during one day's fishing, five bass all over five pounds. This occurred on a stretch of the Reconic River.

4. There is also the story of the anglerette walking the shores of Forge Pond with a bass in tow estimated to be about 14 pounds. Now that's pretty big, fella, and I don't know if the story is totally true, but it sure gets my adrenalin flowing.

I could go on and on, documenting large fish (5, 6 & 7 lbs.) taken on L.I. waters, but I leave it to you to experience it for yourself. Large fish are only a part of the game and there are enough of the smaller ones (2, 3 & 4 lbs.) to keep an outing interesting.

The following list of fresh water ponds represents some of the more productive bass waters on Long Island. All of them are located in Suffolk County.

1. New Mill Pond (Blydenburg Park — Smithtown) - This is located south of Jericho Turnpike. The entrance is at the west end of New Mill Road. The park is open to Suffolk County residents only. Boats are available. Size: 109 acres, 7 feet.

2. Belmont Lake - Located in Belmont Lake State Park. Size: 26 acres, 4 feet.

3. Southards Pond - Situated south of Route 25 and west of Deer Park Ave. Size: 26 acres, 6 feet.

4. Lake Ronkonkoma - Located in Ronkonkoma with a state boat launching facility on the west side of the lake at the end of Victory Drive. No motors of any kind are permitted. Size: 229 acres, 65 feet.

5. Lace Mill Pond - In Patchogue between routes 27 and 27A, east of Waverly Ave. Access is limited. Size: 51 acres, 8 feet.

6. Hards Lake - Located in South Haven Park. Entrance is on the north service road of Rt. 27, between Yaphank Ave. and William Floyd Parkway. There is a park-use fee of one dollar and special regulations to be abided by. Size: 42 acres, 6 feet. Boats are available.

7. Lower Yaphank - Located in Yaphank (L.I.E. exit 66). Size: 26 acres, 5 feet.

8. Kahlers Pond - Situated between Center Moriches and East Moriches on the north side of route 27A. Size: 20 acres, 10 feet.

9. Forge Pond - A lower segment of the Peconic River, it is located east of exit 71 (L.I.E.) between North River and South River Road. Size: 96 acres, 10 feet.

10. Upper Mill Pond - The lowest basin of the Peconic River, boats are available.

11. Wildwood Lake - Located in Riverhead off of the Moriches-Riverhead Road, ¼ mile Sw of the Riverhead traffic circle. Size: 64 acres, 49 feet.

12. Laurel Lake - Located in Laurel at the end of Laurel Lake Road (off route 25). Limited access. Size: 30 acres, 50 feet.

13. Big Fresh Pond - Located in North Sea, 1.5 miles north of route 27, on the west side of North Sea Road. Size: 77 acres, 51 feet.

14. Water Mill Pond - Located in Water Mill. Limited access. Size: 128 acres, 10 feet.

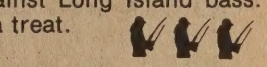
15. Kellis Pond - Located in Bridgehampton south of Route 27 on Kellis Pond Road. Size 32 acres, 43 feet.

16. Fresh Pond - Situated in Hither Hills State Park off Montauk State Parkway. Size: 32 acres, 11 feet.

17. Fort Pond - Located in the village of Montauk on the north side of Route 27. Size: 192 acres, 27 feet.

one of the joys of bassin' on Long Island is that each time you latch on to a fish you can be certain that the ole fella is a wild and native bass; he made it to where he is by being a cunning and wary adversary.

The early part of the season is prime time for shallow water fishing, and top water action is at its best. So gather your gear, sharpen your skills and test them both against Long Island bass. You're in for a treat.



### RIP FISHING

**(Continued from page 21.)**

concerned. It minds its own business but if stepped on, his defense mechanism, in the form of a barb-equipped, whip-like tail, will go into action. There's no need to elaborate on sharks; if you spot one, get the hell out of the water!

There is much more that could be said, but if you apply the information contained in this series of articles, you'll have a good start in learning how to fish rips and will soon be accumulating additional knowledge and developing your own technique's.

# THE BOTTOM LINE

**with Scott Simons**

# ADVANCED FLUKING
## *Part One:* Habits, Rigs & Bait

Buy a fluke spinner-rig; tie it to any rod, and line combination; add a five ounce sinker; bait up with a strip of squid; and drift around all day. Now that we have covered basic fluke fishing, let's get down to some advanced fluking.

Fluke are predators and rate the title of game fish from the International Game Fish Association. Their diet consists of small baitfish like the killie, sand eel, spearing, small squid and tinker mackerel. Actually, fluke will feed on just about any small fish they can catch. Like most predator fish, if fluke have been feeding on particular baitfish such as sand eels, they will prefer them to any offering. So one of the first priorities in advanced fluking is to discover what baitfish are popular at a given time. The easiest way to accomplish this is to take the first few fluke you catch and gut them to see what their stomachs contain. Also, keep your eyes open and try to see what kind of baitfish are in the water; if you can see them, so can the fluke.

Once you discover what baitfish the fluke are feeding on, you should be in a position to offer the same as bait. For this reason it is always important to have a selection of bait with you when you go fluke fishing. While you will catch your share of fluke on killies if they are feeding primarily on sand eels, the catch would increase considerably if you had sand eels to offer.

Listed below is a variety of fluke baits, their availablity, and where they produce best:

KILLIES: A hardy baitfish easily kept alive and readily available for purchase. Most popular baitfish for fluke in the shallow waters and estuaries of the south shore bays, the killies' natural habitat. They are poor producers for ocean fishing, where they are rarely found. As a rule killies will catch only a small percentage of large fluke.

SPEARING: Also called "silversides". Always available for purchase, but in frozen form only. When thawed out, they become mushy and hard to kep on the hook. Spearing are impossible to keep alive, but they are excellent baits when fresh-caught. A good choice for both bay and ocean fluking.

SAND EELS: Also called "sand launce." Bast baitfish for fluke, which eat them like candy. Sand eels remain firm when frozen—except for a burst belly. They are available early in the season before the unreplenishable supply runs out, so stock up the freezer: Freshly catch is possible. Sand eels are the best baitfish for ocean fluke fishing.

SQUID: Cut into 4-inch long strips, ¾-inch wide and tapering to a point. Often used in combination with any of the baitfish above, squid will catch its share of fluke when fished solo as a longer strip bait. (See Part II, Strip Baits, next week.) Small California squid are always available frozen; but larger, fresh, locally caught squid are available in most fish markets. Squid is a good all-around standby bait for both bay and ocean fluking.

Whenever possible, get your hands on fresh baitfish, since the freezing process breaks them down considerably. If you have your own boat docked somewhere, throw a baitfish trap over the side, baited with some leftover bait. Check it before leaving on a fluke trip, and hopefully you'll find a handfull of killies, spearing or sand eels to start the day off right.

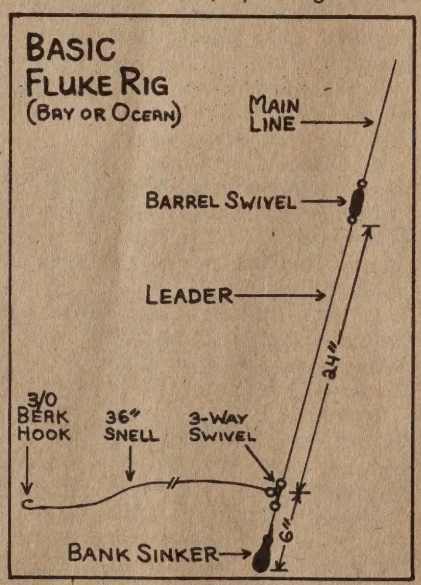
Bait traps are available at many bait and tackle shops, as are the umbrella nets that can be used to catch baitfish from a bulkhead. Just place some bait in the center of the square, then lower it on a line until it's a few feet under the surface. When baitfish can be seen swimming over the top of the net, pull it up quickly and you're in business. Forget about seining for bait. It takes two people, who wants to get their feet wet at five o'clock in the morning?

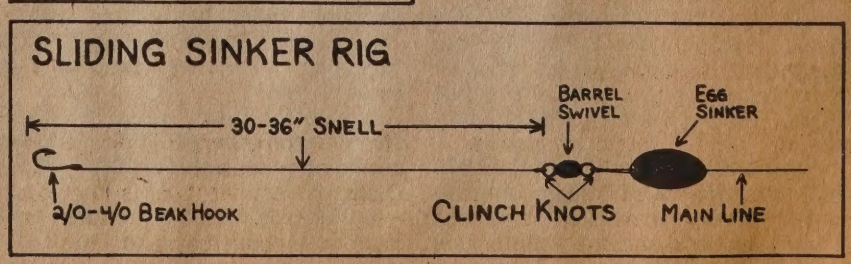
As shown in the photo montage, baitfish can be hooked in several ways, each of which is largely a matter of preference. The important object here is that the bait presentation is natural; i.e., baitfish don't swim with their bodies bent in half, nor do they swim tail first. Live killies may be hooked lightly through the lips, or through the tail (see photo #1) if the drift is slow and you give the killie his head with a sliding sinker rig. Never hook a dead baitfish through his tail.

Spearing and sand eels can be hooked either through the eye sockets or in the mouth and out between the gill plates as shown in photos #2 and #3. If you are lucky enough to be using large spearing or sand eels, but the fluke are clipping them off behind the hook, use a tandem hook rig as shown in photo #4, which we will go into detail in part two.

Hook a squid strip (photo #5) about ¼-inch in at the wide end, but never more than once, so that it will have that natural flutter. Don't use bait-holder (split shank) hooks because the squid will have a tendency to ride up the shank and bunch at the eye. If you are going to use a combination (squid and baitfish), hook a killie through the lips or spearing and sand eels through the eye sockets. (See photo #6.)

Two basic fluke rigs are shown in the diagrams. Diagram number one is the sliding sinker rig, which is an excellent rig for shallow bay fluking. It



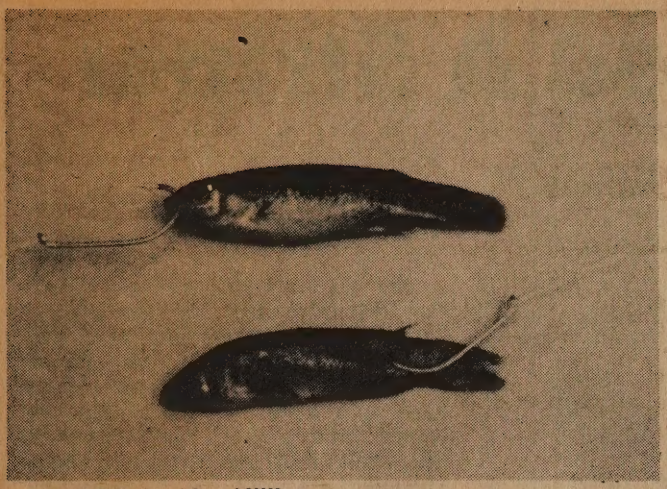


PHOTO #1. Live Killies.

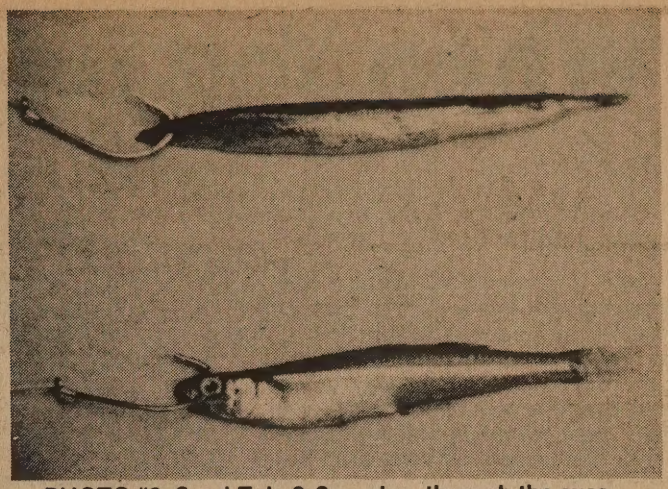


PHOTO #2. Sand Eels & Spearing through the eyes

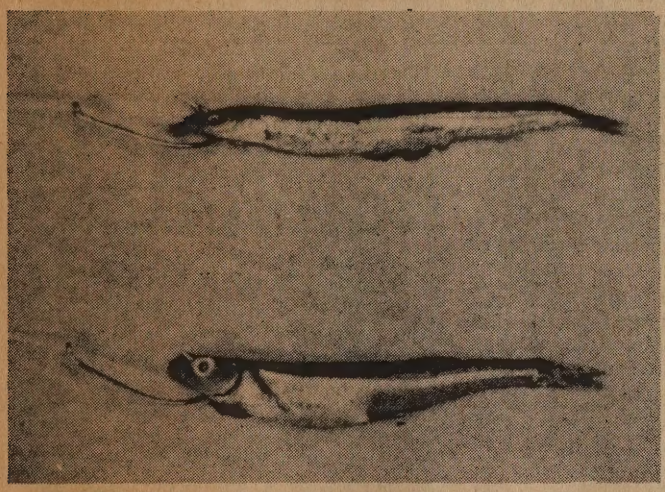


PHOTO #3. Sand Eel & Spearing through the gills.

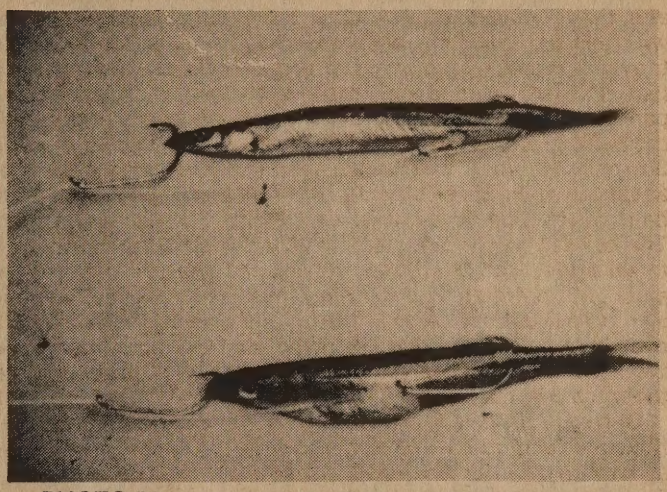


PHOTO #4. Tandem Hook Rig—1st hook through eyes or gills, 2nd through tail.

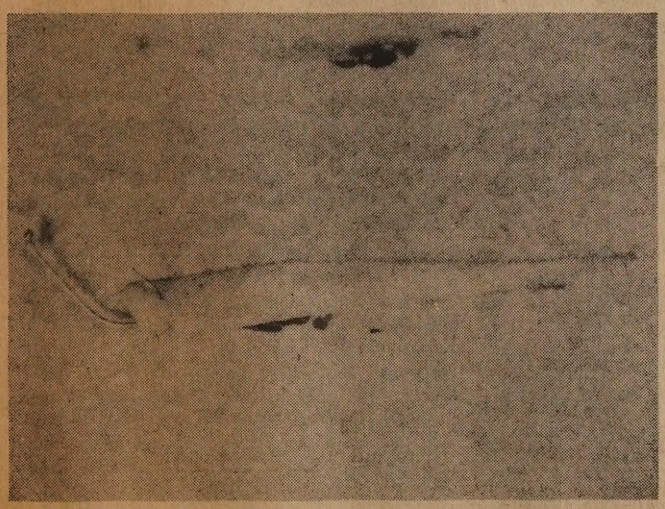


PHOTO #5. Squid Strip

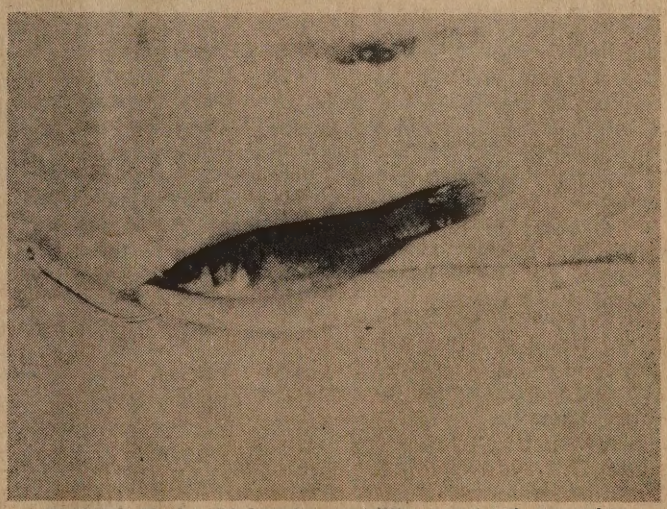


PHOTO #6. Squid Combo w/ killie, sand eel, spearing

allows the angler direct connection with the hook, with sensitivity to a biting fish unencumbered by the weight of the sinker. The rig is difficult to cast and shouldn't be used for trolling, however. It is primarily a shallow water set-up.

Diagram number two is the best fluke rig for fishing under all conditions in both bay and ocean. It casts well and is excellent for trolling or drifting.

# When You Need A Striper

## by Capt. Zac Grossman

Dawn is long-past and you've been reminded too many times that you promised striped bass action. "When you need a striper, you can never find one" may be a funny line, but you sense that this is not the right time to use it. What do you do? Troll for them.

Yes, I know you not only promised bass, you also promised to get them on light tackle. Breaking out the wire line rigs, tubes, umbrellas, etc., would not be warmly welcomed.

Fear not, light tackle trolling for stripers is what this article is about. First, let's discuss the tackle. Recommendations follow:

1. **The Boat:** It should be a shallow draft model capable of maneuvering in as little as three feet of water, and at very slow speeds.

2. **The Rod:** I use various outfits, but all are one-handed spinning rigs with a medium action. They range from 6- to 7½-feet in length and are designed to use lines testing from 4- to 8-pound test. I like Fenwick and Garcia in these sizes.

3. **The Reel:** I use only what I consider the best, in sizes capable of holding at least 200 yards of line. I like the Cardinal 3 and Orvis 50A for 4-pound test, the Cardinal 4 for 6-pound test, and the Cardinal 6 for 8-pound test.

4. **The Line:** Any high quality line is good, but abrasion resistance must be one of its main features, as it will be scrubbed by barnacle-covered rocks and other underwater structures. For easy drop-back calculations, Ashaway and berkley make color-coded monofilament.

5. **Swivels:** I use only Sampo ball-bearing swivels. They are very expensive but are worth the money. They save my line from tangles and save me the trouble of trolling the line to remove twists. Be careful not to buy the cheap imitations; they just do not work.

6. **The Leader:** I use 24-inch lengths of 30 pound test mono with a Perfection Loop knot at one end. I have a leader already attached to any lures I plan to use for trolling, so all I have to do is snap the other end onto the swivel. The leader not only protects the light from abrasion, it allows me to grab it and swing a bass into the boat if I see that gaffing or netting is not necessary.

**An 8-pounder, first of the year, gets a ritual kiss from Yvonne Coveney.**

7. **Weight:** I have a selection of various sizes of Rubbercore clinch-on sinkers. They are attached to the leader, right below the loop.

8. **Lures:** I use a few different lures for this kind of fishing, but they all have one thing in common; they are sweetened with sandworms, squid or porkrind. Individual lures will be discussed later.

When setting up your light trolling tackle for the first time you should get the feel of it over a clean sandy bottom. A depth sounder is a very handy tool for this kind of fishing, as it will help you learn how much line to troll for the depth you are operating in.

Over a sandy bottom, set a course that keeps the depth constant and let out your line with various lures and weights. Take notes in a notepad until you can troll any lure you plan to use, keeping it a foot off the bottom, in waters from 3 to 15 feet deep. It's important that you develop these statistics with the lures rigged as you will use them under actual fishing conditions; a piece of pork rind will make a bucktail run shallower than just a bucktail alone.

Once your tackle is ready to use, it's time to find the spots where stripers will be willing to feed in broad daylight. Bass will hang out where the bottom is broken by rocks, mussel beds, dropoffs, etc., especially if the area is swept by a moderate current. I have had best results in areas known for heavy blackfish populations, such as rockpiles, jetties, and bridge abutments. Boulder-strewn shorelines are likely hangouts, but they require you to get in very close and troll the lure right in front of the boulders. This requires an intimate knowledge of the spot—if you value your prop!

I usually troll three rigs at one time, each with a different lure, until I find out what the fish are interested in. The choice of line test is determined by the area fished. For example, when trolling in and out of bridge pilings I use 8 pound test, as it gives more control over the fish. Daytime trolling for stripers almost always means control over the fish. Daytime trolling for stripers almost always means school fish ranging from shorts up to about 10 pounds. The tackle described is calculated to give the most possible thrills with fish of this size. On the rare occasion that a large fish is hooked, the outcome of the battle depends on where you're fishing and how skilled you are at handling big fish on ultralight tackle.

On one of the rigs in the swing-out rod holders, I troll a Cape Cod spinner followed closely by a 3/0 Gold Eagle Claw hook from which trails a juicy sandworm. You don't need a "stinger hook", no matter how big the worm is; bass will grab it headfirst. The hook will wind up in the side of the jaw because the striped bass makes a 180-degree turn as it grabs its prey, placing it at right angles to your line when the hook drives home. There is

no need to hold the rod to set the hook; the boat's motion and the striper's feeding technique will do it for you.

On the other wide rig I fish a sinking Rebel, redesigned for use as an attractor. All the trebles are removed and a single tail hook with a split ring and swivel is attached at the rear. This hook carries either a worm or a narrow strip of squid. The Rebel wiggles and flashes, bringing the curious bass.

Down the middle I fish either a small bucktail, an Alou Elver or a tin squid. Each one is sweetened with either porkrind, squid, or a worm. Don't attach the bait to the rear hook of the Alou, use the head hook, as this creates a very tempting action with the bait swinging to the left when the rubber tail swings to the right, and vice versa.

With worms you may find that the bait is being chopped off withour your hooking a fish. This is not from short-striking stripers. The worm is being chased by bergalls, porgies, or—worst of all—snappers. If the snappers are after your bait, it's best to move to another location. They will go through a dozen worms in no time and frustrate all your efforts to attract a bass.

Sometimes a huge porgy will catch up to the 3/0 hook and get himself caught; an occasional weakfish will also get himself in trouble this way. Don't forget to net him in your excitement over the unexpected bonus.

Once I find out that what the fish are hitting, I switch all three rigs to the same lure, But I vary the weights and dro -backs so that all three lures are run ing at the same depth but at different distances from the boat. This helps prevent tangles when turning and seems to draw multiple hookups as well.

When fishing with such light tackle you have to put the boat into neutral when a fish is hooked. At this time, the other two lures should be retrieved very slowly, stopping occasionally to allow the lures to sink close to the bottom.

Always keep your location in mind, especially if it is windy, because you've been trolling near boulders or jetties. When you put the boat in neutral you're at the mercy of the wind and current. It only takes a few seconds to be blown aground, so make sure someone stays at the helm, ready to put the boat in gear and move it out of danger if necessary.

The next time the morning has slipped by and you're under pressure to produce action, try some light tackle trolling and leave that corny line about "never finding a striper" for someone else to use.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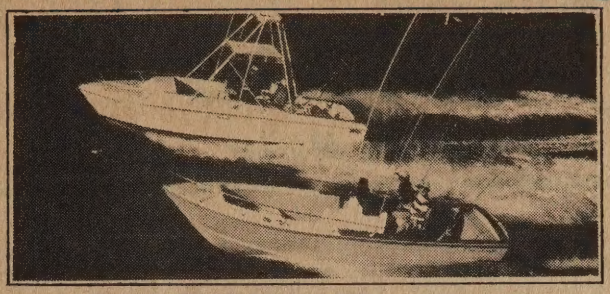

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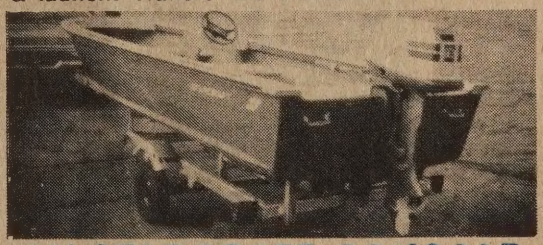

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# Surf Side

with Doc Muller

# *Weather Science For Surfcasters* Part I: Winds

I'm certainly not a meterologist, but I have been a student of the science for about 25 years now. It all started because, like any other child in New York City, I loved snow and wanted to know as much as I could about how nature made that white stuff. Along the way I've taken a formal course here and there, and become intrigued with weather's fickle ways.

So, you're probably thinking—who cares? If you're a serious surf caster or plan to be, you'd better care! I think a working knowledge of meteorology is as fundamental to forming good surf fishing strategy as your knowledge of baitfish, lures, etc.

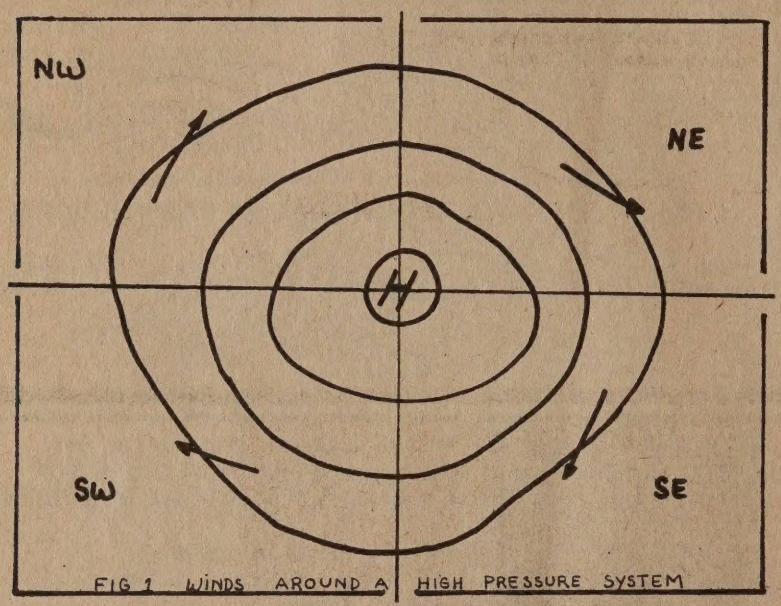


FIG 1 WINDS AROUND A HIGH PRESSURE SYSTEM

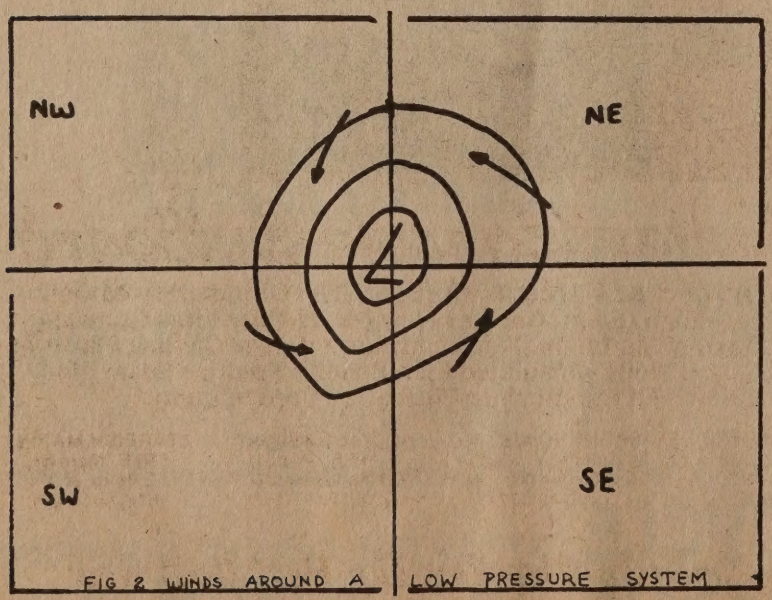


FIG 2 WINDS AROUND A LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM

Many "spots" produce only during specific sets of meteorological conditions or after unique weather phenomena such a thunderstorms, hurricanes, and fronts. Of course weekend trips should be planned in advance, with an eagle-eye on the weather maps. High winds which may rate as uncomfortable on western sectors of the Island may make for unfishable conditions at a place like Montauk which offers little sheltered beach.

Superimposed upon these are fog, rain, snow, drizzle, and lightening, each or all of which can make transportation to and from the beach, as well as the fishing itself, uncomfortable or even dangerous.

Information for private analysis of weather conditions is available, and among the best sources are the various 5-minute weather segments offered during the evening news on most channels. Very often the guys on T.V. don't know what they're talking about, but that doesn't have to stop you from doing your own thinking.

T.V. weather shows provide the most up-to-date weather maps available anywhere outside the U.S. Weather Bureau Office itself, and they give up-to-the-minute vital local data as well.

Although winter weather is the most changeable and disrupting, spring and fall have their moments too, and I like to know what I'm in for before I get out there. During the summer I especially keep an eye out for thunderstorms and winds.

We'll consider thunderstorms separately because we really need more knowledge before we can make sense out of them. Winds, on the other hand, are fairly easy to understand and seem to be almost constant ingredient in an otherwise ever-changing Long Island fishing season.

Wind is moving air, and this movement has several causes. There are local winds and weather winds. Weather winds are those that are generated by contrasting characteristics between major air masses. There are two types of air masses: high pressure, which is usually charac-

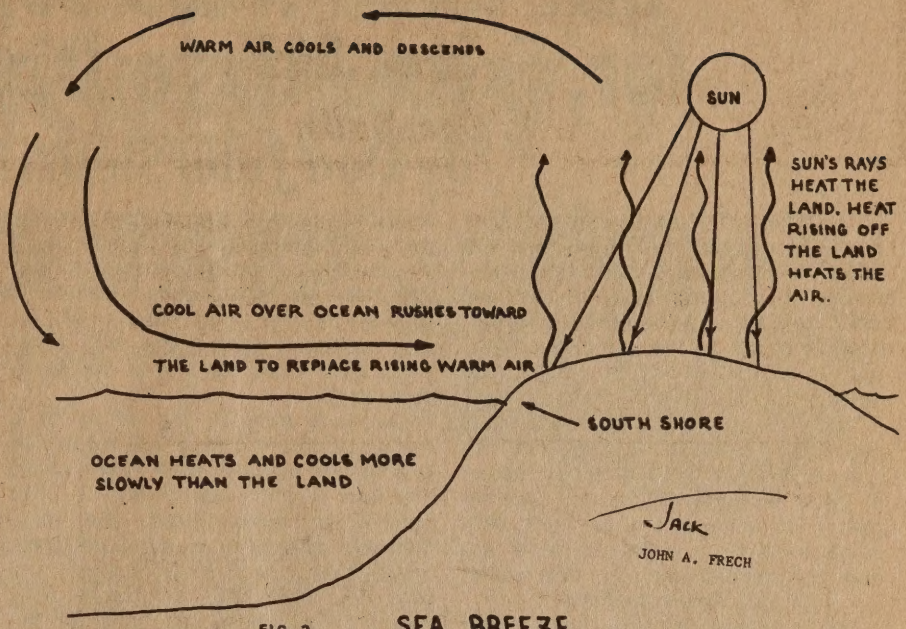
terized by good weather; and low pressure, which is associated with clouds and precipitation of some kind.

Fo example, if the northeastern states are on the right side of a "high" the winds will be from the northwest, and if this area is on the left side of a "low" the winds will be from the northeast (Fig. 1 and 2).

Yet during much of the fishing season most of our winds are of local origin, because the contrast between air masses is slight. The most common local winds are sea breezes which are generated by contrasting air temperatures over the land and over the water.

Air is heated, not directly by the sun, but by coming into contact with heated bodies. Land gains heat and loses it more readily than the water so that, during the day, the heated air over land begins to rise and the cooler air over the water rushes in to take the place of the rising warm air (Fig. 3).

Sea breezes are usually southerly, but they can also blow out of an easterly direction—depending upon condtions. The force of the wind may be as high as 20 - 40 m.p.h. and can make fishing on the south shore beaches difficult. If not too strong, however, they can produce enough white water to improve the quality of the fishing.


WARM AIR COOLS AND DESCENDS
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COOL AIR OVER OCEAN RUSHES TOWARD
THE LAND TO REPLACE RISING WARM AIR
SOUTH SHORE
OCEAN HEATS AND COOLS MORE SLOWLY THAN THE LAND
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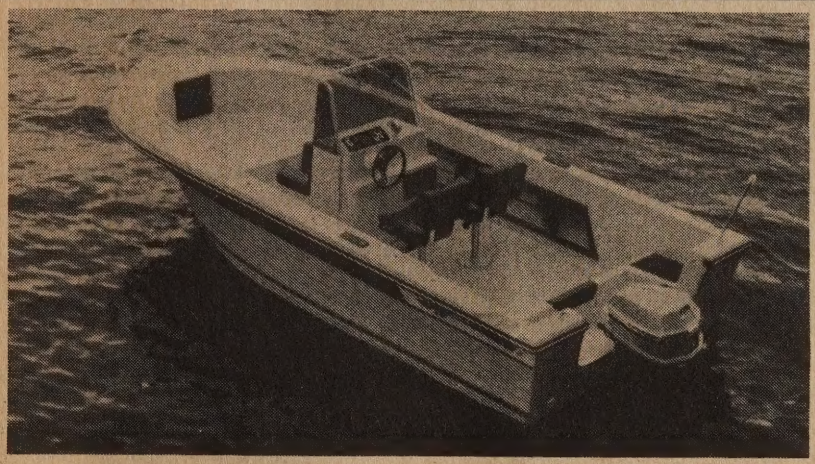
FIG 3 SEA BREEZE

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## by Don Julio Siebart

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**Lets Dress the Fish**

Lay a fish on a board over newspaper, open the stomach cavity and remove all the innards with care. As you do this, you'll see something you may have overlooked before: a nice bright liver about the size of that of a chicken. Take it out with care, wash gently and start your collection in a bowl.

On each side of the cavity is a familiar band of orange roe if the fish is a female, making two of them; and if the fish is male you'll find a light colored or white mass, the milt. Remove with care, wash all of these choice bits, dry them with cloth, put into the bowl and refrigerate until ready to fry. Now you have all the "bits".

The "pieces," of course, are the fine fillets from the fish. Remove them as usual and likewise refrigerate until ready.

**Get your Cap and Apron**

First prepare the ale batter for the fillets, since this should rest about an hour or more before frying.

**Ale Batter**

1 cup flour
1 cup ale
1 teaspoon oil
1 teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon salt

Beat thoroughly until smooth and free of lumps. Put aside in a bowl near the fish.

Lets fry the bits first. Dip them in beaten egg and then in seasoned bread crumbs; I like the prepared Italian crumbs. Fry in a deep pan with plenty of good oil (I like Mazola) until nicely browned. Keep them warm on a platter of their own. These are the choice parts.

Dip the fillets one at a time in the ale batter and fry in plenty of oil, turning them as they brown. Reserve them on another platter to keep warm. They will fry a beautiful deep golden color with the coating; a nice lace-like texture with divine flavor.

Excess ale batter goes well for fried chicken, veal cutlets and for apple or other fruit fritters.

**Now at Table**

I expect there will be a great "Ah!" from each member as he tries the bits— but probably after some initial fear and hesitation. In my house there are never enough to go around as we pass the platter. There is something just too very fine and delicate in this flavor; still fish, but a new elegance. The "pieces," the fillets, are also very special fried in the same manner.

I suggest you try frying apple slices in this batter and serve at breakfast, or try them later on in the day with baked pork chops.

As a last word, I hope you will overcome any hesitation or belly wobbles when dressing the fish. Just remember we have been eating the organs of the sweet porker for a long time in many ways the world over.


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# The Great White Shark Mystery

## by Robert H. Schaefer

Pick up any book about sharks, whether, its written by an accredited scientist or a popular sports writer, and you'll read the following statement: "The largest great white shark (*Caracharodon carcharias*) on record is 36½ feet long."

I became involved in the question of this shark's length over the past winter and, in the process of trying to solve the mystery, communicated with the American Institute of Biological Sciences (the organization that administered the Shark Research Panel during its years of operation), the Curator of Ichthyology at the British Museum in London, and Dr. J.E. Randall of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii.

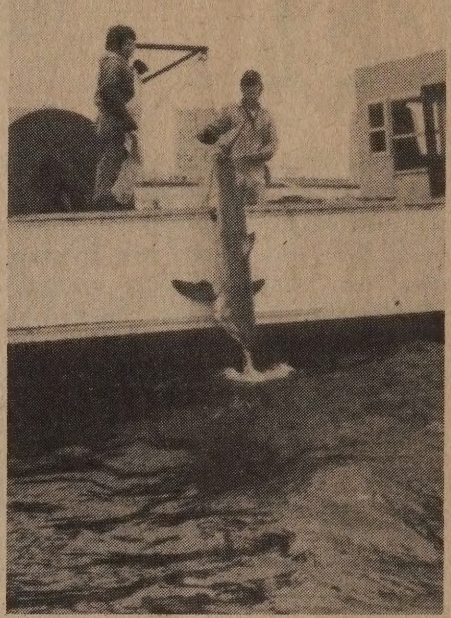
The mystery began as I noted that although every standard shark reference cited this particular 36½ foot specimen, whose jaws are in the posession of the British Museum, not a single author mentioned its weight. I became fascinated by the though of how much this giant would weigh.

Casual examination of white shark body data indicates that their length to weight ratio is spectacular. Consider the following sizes of white sharks, all of whom are IGFA class records, in the table below.

This small sample of data clearly indicates that more than the expected incease in weight accompanies an increase in length. It is a rate of change that is so dramatic that it makes one's mind turn to oatmeal just thinking of a 36½ foot fish. Indeed, I became obsessed with the entire issue of the white shark's weight as a function of its length.

To help me look deper into the problem, I enlisted the aid of a friend who is a theoretical mathematician. This good doctor has developed a computer program that will define the relationship between two sets of variables with a best-fit curve.

All I had to do, the doctor said, was to provide him with the sets of variables; that is, the length and weight of many individual white sharks, and he'd feed it all into the computer. The machine would then average all these data and print out a single curve showing weight versus length. The IGFA record book was a good source for many documented fish, but the largest one caught on rod and reel was only 16 feet 10 inches.



The next largest white shark is one captured by Capt. Frank Mundus. This white measured 17 feet 6 inches and was estimated to weigh 4500 pounds. Estimated weights are not sufficiently precise and, due to the limited number of fish in this size range, a small error would throw the accuracy of the entire curve off. No good. I rejected this data point.

Then came the 21-footer captured off Cuba in the mid-1940's. The length of this shark is variously reported as 21 feet even, 21 feet 3 inches, and 21 feet 7 inches. The weight has been given as both 7100 pounds and 7305 pounds. Which set of figures to use? I called the American Institute of Biological Sciences to try to determine the authentic size. However, they didn't have information that was any more accurate than mine. Consequently, this data point was also thrown out. Finally, at the top of the list, I came to the famous 36½ ooter, the weight of which has never been published.

To answer the question of its weight, I wrote to the British Museum and requested detailed data, including girth, sex, date, place, and method of capture. Mr. Awyne Wheeler, Curator of Ichthyology, was kind enough to answer.

In part, Mr. Wheeler wrote that the specimen which was "reputed" to have bee 36½ feet long was "caught at Port Fairey, Australia". The earliest mention of this specimen that he could find in the museum's records was in Gunther's *Catalogue of Fishes in the British Museum*, volume 8, dated 1870. He reasoned that the specimen "was here before then".

Mr. Wheeler continued, "The teeth are large, larger I believe, than any white shark recorded elsewhere, but the fish was *never measured accurately and no other data were even recorded.*" (Italics mine).

In conclusion, Mr. Wheeler stated that Dr. J.E. Randall of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, had examined the teeth and jaws and expressed doubt that the fish was in reality 36½ feet long.

I immediately wrote to Dr. Randall, informing him of my quest and of my specific goal; i.e., a length versus weight curve for the white shark. Dr. Randall responded by providing me with a reprint of his article describing his conclusions based upon his visit to the British Museum. The article was originally published in *Science*, 13 July 1973, volume 181, pages 169-170.

In summary, after taking detailed measurements of the white shark jaws and teeth, Dr. Randall concluded that its true length could not have been more than slightly over 17 feet!

| Length (feet-inches) | Weight (pounds) | Length Increase over preceeding fish | Weight Increase over preceeding fish |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11-4 | 801 | — | — |
| 11-11 | 912 | 7 inches | 111 pounds |
| 12-8 | 1053 | 9 inches | 141 pounds |
| 15-6 | 1876 | 34 inches | 823 pounds |
| 15-9 | 2071 | 3 inches | 195 pounds |
| 16-10 | 2664 | 13 inches | 593 pounds |

A similar, but independent, examination of this specimen was made by Dr. Perry Gilbert (former chairman of the Shark Research Panel and perhaps the world's leading authority on shark). Dr. Gilbert's findings indicate that its true length was approximately sixteen and a half feet long. These estimates of the specimen's length, based upon scientific measurements and observations, are in close enough agreement to destroy forever the notion of a 36½ foot giant.

Incidentally, Dr. Gilbert speculates that the number 36½ was an undetected typographical error first appearing in the 1870 edition of Gunther, and perpetuated ever since.

In the same *Science* article, Dr. Randall pointed out an oddity (it hadn't escaped me either) that is hard for a scientist to deal with; namely, why is there such a void between the Cuban 21-footer and the British Museum 36½-footer? If white sharks do in fact grow as large as 36 and 40 feet, as some experts claim, why don't we have documented specimens of, say, 25, 26, 30 and 32 feet?

Certainly, anecdotal evidence, that is to say, the kind of stories told by fishermen at the local pub, indicate that fish of this size exist. Unfortunately, anecdotal evidence has no place in scientific inquiry. Yet there is indirect scientific evidence to indicate that white sharks in the neighborhood of 25 feet do exist.

This evidence was obtained by measuring the tooth imprint and jaw outline left on a whale carcass. Then, based upon jaw dimensions of white sharks whose length had been measured, the length of 25 feet was determined. This method, while having a substantial amount of reliability, yields a measure which is still only an estimate. More accurate than eyeballing the shark, yes, but not completely scientifically satisfactory.

The final piece of information contained in Dr. Randall's article was a representation of the relationship between the length and weight of white sharks. This, you'll remember, was my ultimate objective. He had plotted the lengths and weights of reliably measured white sharks, correctly ignoring estimated weights. Approximately 68 individual white sharks were represented in the graph. No attempt was made to statistically average out these individual data points, or in any way determine the best fit curve to define the relationship between length and weight.

As I had suspected, the resulting data distribution clearly indicates large increases in weight caused by small increases in length. But the data

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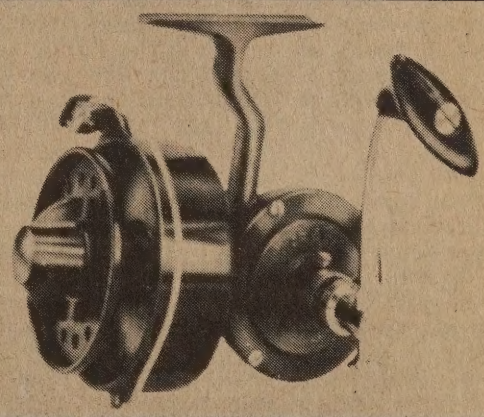

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# THE RIP

## by Fred Schwab

## Part Four

The *basic* method employed when using artificials is common to all rips. Casting up-current is recognized standard procedure.

In general, you should direct your casts to a 45° angle, or to put it another way, if the sweep is from left to right, cast between ten and eleven o'clock; if right to left, between one and two o'clock. Be following this procedure the lure is swept down and across-current. This, combined with the retrieval process, imparts the swimming action necessary to tempt your quarry by simulating baitfish which swim or are swept along with the current.

If this procedure is not producing and you won't be interfering with others, casting in various directions is worth a try. Occasionally fish may be well out, or on the down side of the rip...and holding there.

Normally, lures worked in rips, especially at night, should be retrieved slowly, yet fast enough so that the lure is "working," with variations dependent upon the current's strength. After some experience the angler senses, by feel, whether the lure is working or not; this is particularly true when using the more popular action lures such as a darters, Atom swimmers, bottle plugs or Rebel types. In moving water a vibration or definite resistance is experienced during the retrieve, while in a strong rip there will be an accentuated throbbing action.

When fishing in a crowd, time your casts with those of the fellows to either side of you; try not to cast at the same time and when you do cast, really lay into it. Avoid short casts unless that's what everyone else is doing. To reduce problems, use lures which are compatible with those being used by others. For example, should you use a light surface type or a heavy item with absolutely no floatation while everyone else is tossing darters or bottle plugs, the distance of your cast, speed or retrieval and the plug's natural swing with the current will differ radically from theirs. You will repeatedly pick up their line and vice-versa, spoiling everyone's fishing.

If someone up-current of you or close by in the other direction has a fish on, crank your lure in and refrain from casting until you're sure he's got the fish in close and under control, or has moved with the fish beyond you. (Most regulars, noticing that you have extended this courtesy, will give thanks by letting you know when it's okay to cast.) If you do foul-hook his line, move toward or along with him, reeling in your slack line *only*. If the lure becomes visible and within reach while he's still playing the fish, *DON'T* attempt to remove it or try to shake it loose unless he asks you to. If he does, *DON'T* touch his line or grab his rod in such a manner that it no longer can flex should the fish lunge. If you must steady the rod, use only your finger tips. Take extreme care not to touch his line with the points or barbs of your hooks: taut line cuts easily.

If you get a strong fish on, don't remain stationary and try to horse it in. If he's stripping line, *DON'T* tighten the drag. Usually a fish runs with the current, so move with him and in front of those you pass; let them know you are fighting a fish and be sure their lines are in before you go by. Some must be asked to do so. Keep an eye out for their rod tips to be sure that you clear them. When you get the fish in hand or gaffed, move back in line so that those around you may resume fishing.

At night, if fishing a popular rip with its usual complement of what I call "parasite" anglers, there are certain steps to be taken in an attempt to avoid advertsing that you are catching fish. Otherwise, these hotspots will rush into the water like a horde of locusts and you will spend the rest of the tide disentangling lines and jockeying for elbow room. These parasites are the ones who are unwilling to work for their fish and remain warm, dry and comfortable, waiting to profit from someone else's efforts.

When playing a fish keep the rod tip down as much as possible, or at an angle which least displays the bend in your rod. Avoid leaning back in an exaggerated manner...maintain a low profile. Avoid quick moves and when swinging the gaff, don't raise your arm any higher than necessary. When lifting the fish, removing hooks and stringing or releasing him, use your body to conceal it from the view of those on the beach, and learn to perform these actions without a light. If it's impossible to remove the hook while in the water, or your stringer is loaded and you must reach the beach for some reason, ease through the water parallel to the shoreline and make your exit some distance from searching eyes.

You may be asking: why all the deception, isn't this a sport? Yes, it is a sport, but deception is necessary to your enjoyment and success at it, just as in many competitive activities. In baseball the runner bluffs a steal hoping to confuse and fool the opposition, while the football player fakes a pass or a handoff, or tries to hide the ball for the same reasons.

Shining a light on an angler is taboo. Some "hooples" stand at the water's edge deliberately swinging a light from one fisherman to another, others use beach buggy headlights for the same purpose. This is upsetting and regarded as rude and ignorant behavior. In addition, many regulars believe, with justification, that a bright light shined suddenly upon the water will spook fish. If you operate a buggy, switch to your parking lights before you reach a favored spot.

Safety is a *MUST* consideration when fishing any rip. Fast water, holes, drop-offs, slippery footing, floating debris, wave action, hooks, gaffs and certain finny creatures are some of the potential hazards. To fish most rips one must position himself in the water, and it is there where the greatest number of hazards exist. We'll confine comment to that situation.

*Common sense* is the key to safety. Water is not your natural element; respect it and never underestimate the force of a wave or strength of a

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current. Before charging into the water, get to know the area you're going to fish. Appraise your ability to cope with the worst that could happen—and limit your activity accordingly.

Know exactly where holes and drop-off's are, if current and/or wave action tends to push you towards such hazards be sure to regain lost ground. Don't lose sight of the fact that these dangers exist.

A rocky bottom requires wearing felts for surer footing. In rough water regularly check to see that your gaff is secure; a loose one swinging in the current or laying on the bottom can cause grief. If you haven't mastered the overhand cast don't fish shoulder to shoulder, and when you do, be sure the guy next to you knows what he's doing. Keep an eye out for floating debris. Some rips are relatively free of this hazard, others are not.

Some rips, such as at Montauk, often produce well when a howling wind and big tide combine to create some of the roughest conditions imaginable. During such times the wet suit regulars are certain to be as far out as is humanly possible. Their competitive spirit and driving desire to catch fish, combined with towering waves and vicious currents, places them in close company with disaster. Most of them are aware of the danger, but equipped for and capable of dealing with the situation. Beginners are advised not to try fishing with them and those wearing waders should bear in mind that their equipment is not designed to handle the trouble which they are very likely to get into.

Small waves can be dealt with simply by shifting one's weight and leaning into them; jumping or floating up, with, and over those of moderate size is effective. However, big ones already in the process of curling or folding are another matter. An encounter with an outsized breaker while wearing waders usually results in a knock-down, which in fast water means trouble. In a wet suit the angler has the option of ducking under and remaining on his feet. If swimming or floating becomes necessary to saving one's neck, the suit's buoyancy is an asset whereas waders become a definite liability.

Bluefish are equipped with powerful jaws and very efficient razor sharp teeth, while the dorsal fin of the striped bass contains sharp spines which can easily penetrate rubber or flesh: remember to handle both with caution. Stingrays and sharks should be given a wide berth. The ray is not a vicious creature, at least where man is

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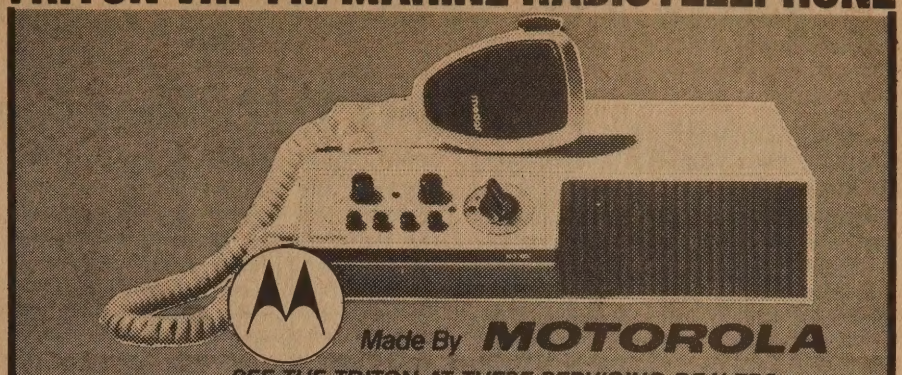

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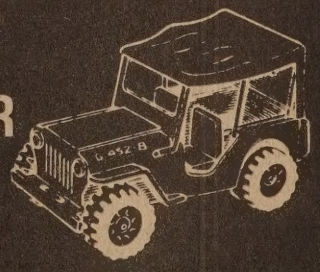

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# You're Ready...Get Set...

## by Jack "The Professor" Frech

Counsel to a plugmaker who would be a plug fisherman: Take your time! Even though you have a barrel full of the most beautiful homemade plugs, don't expect to catch fish as soon as you begin to use them. You must first slave to master the techniques required to make them work correctly.

Hike yourself out on a lonely beach or to a deserted pond and practice. This can become a boring chore if you permit it. However, if you stay alert while practicing, soon it will become apparent that each type of plug has a different feel. Each can do many things—if the speed of retrieve is varied and if the rod twitches in one of a number of changing sequences.

Never try to learn how to handle your plugs while searching for fish. Practice when you feel sure there will be no fish about. March, April and early May are ideal practice months. These are the days to learn how to handle artificials. If you try to learn while fishing during prime time, in all probability correct plug handling techniques will never be completely mastered. The hope of catching a fish will be uppermost in mind. It is relatively impossible under fishing conditions to concentrate on developing the necessary coordination between hand, eye and head.

Plug fishing is the finest aspect of the surf game. It demands learned skills for any fisherman to progress beyond beginner's luck.

So you made one hundred plugs this winter and they are all beautiful—so what! What do you know of any of them? Pick one, do everything you can with it. Practice and practice and practice some more. Use your imagination, put it through every possible gyration. Learn how to repeat specific actions which you feel may entice fish. Remember! No matter how great a plug in the water looks to you, it may have little or no appeal to a fish.

Pick a floating object, a ripple in the water, à rock or any other visible object and cast to it...again and again and again! Develop your casting timing and sharpen your accuracy. On the retrieve, try various reel speeds, sequences of rod twitches and, as your skill improves, combinations of both. Work the daylight hours until you start to feel good and ready for anything. Switch to the night and, in that never-never land of darkness, start all over again. Learn to listen! Accuracy is important in the night just as in the daytime. Did the plug hit to the right or to the left of the rock? Did it meet the water easily, correctly and ready for an immediate retrieve?

After some weeks, possibly months of practice, hit the beach ready for action—and what happens? You drop one! Then a second and yet another! So you dropped them! Cry! You probably deserve the "bad luck." Maybe there is more to catching fish than just knowing how to work a plug.

Every plug fisherman, no matter how capable, loses a number of fish every year. A few are lost due purely to accident; possibly a break-off because a barnacle severed the mono or because of an almost undetectable flaw in equipment.

Assuming that rod, reel, drag-setting, mono and knots are all in excellent working condition as one begins fishing, the major reason is overconfidence. No one should be so confident that he casts continually for hours at a time, day or night, without checking his equipment. Sooner or later the mono will become frayed, a knot may become loosened or a snap may open. Learn a simple but essential checking routine and follow it to the letter without deviation.

Every once in a while after a retrieve, grasp the snap between your thumb and forefinger. Next slide your fngers up the mono as far as possible and back down again. Soon you will develop the "feel" necessary to detect a nick, a fray or an open snap. Now grasp the mono near the reel spool and pull it out, thus testing the drag setting. This will indicate whether the tension is correct or if it has changed for some reason or another.

Personally, my routine is to follow this procedure after every single cast and with particular care after each fish or hang-up. Time consuming? Yes! But the night is long and failure to follow some simple checking routine might cost the fisherman the only fish of the night, or possibly a fish so big it could not fit into the fish box.
as possible. Better to be called, or strain on the mono and tends to weaken it ever so slightly. Regularly break off a portion—a couple of feet will do. After this, retie the terminal snap. Surprisingly, a bit of practice will make one adept at tying terminal knots, even in the dark without a light. I retie my snap at the very least five or six times in a night. Certainly this uses valuable fishing time and mono but the fish caught are so precious that the time lost and the cost of the replaced mono is incidental. Always remember this section is probably the most important link between the fisherman and the fish. It must be kept as strong as possible. Batter to be called, or even feel yourself to be an overcautious, calamity-seeking fisherman than a stupid hoople who constantly breaks off fish.

Play it safe!

After these simple routines become a part of an unfailing ritual, next add the checking of hooks to the procedure. No hook ever comes from the manufacturer ready for use. Each one of them is too dull. Get used to spending hours not only filing away the plating on the hook points but also in carefully honing them with a sharpening stone. A plug with properly sharpened hooks should practically jump right out of the plug bag and grab any finger within reach. I normally spend a few evenings before the start of the season sharpening hooks. I carefully remove the barbs from all hooks to be used for bass and night fishing. Once sharpened the honed points are covered with a light coat of clear nail polish to give some limited protection to the fine point and to deter oxidizing or rusting. Admittedly, this is a great deal of work and far beyond the normal practice of most fishermen. However, hooks thus sharpened penetrate quicker and deeper. They are also easier to remove from a fish or, on accasion, from the fisherman himself without serious damage.

If hooks are truly sharp, it is a cinch to check them in the dark. Merely caress them in a gently closed hand; if they grab the skin, OK! If not, recognize there are a couple of strikes against you if you continue to fish with them. All hooks will catch some fish but sharp hooks catch most of the fish.

This portion of the checking routine permits the fisherman to know whether the last hang-up or hook-up has bent a hook out of shape. Don't consciously cast a plug with a bent hook. No one's luck is so great that he can seriously expect a fish will hit the second treble. If you must use a plug with a misshapen hook, take some time to force it as close to the proper shape as is possible. Bend it until the

point is paralled to the shank. If you are way out in the water practically up to your neck, place the point on the rod butt and squeeze into shape. On the beach, a handy rock can provide the leverage for a temporary repair. Later, when you return to your buggy or working base, replace the bent hook immediately.

Once you have trained yourself to be a creature of habit with an unfaltering checking ritual, you can be more confident. You are now routinely doing everything possible to ensure against the loss of fish through carelessness.

Give some special though to the fish's viewpoint. The plug is the thing. If it is not enticing fish, don't be a hardhead and stick with one single plug. Just becuase it slaughtered fish one night after another does not mean it is a guaranteed-every-night "killer." Trot out all your lures and let the fish make the decision.

It is great and essential to build confidence in a single plug. Stay with it, but not through the entire night if it doesn't produce. If no action—switch! Try a new color, a different size, a different type. Cover the water not only by fan-casting but also from top to bottom, using poppers, swimmers and darters. The vast majority of fishermen neglect to establish a change rhythm. I feel they stick too long with an individual plug.

My change rhythm is considered ridiculous and too far-out by everyone I know. I switch popping plugs every eight to ten casts and every six or seven casts with a darter or swimmer. This permits the fish an opportunity to look at many different plugs and colors. It also helps to keep me alert because each plug demands its own special kind of attention. Many's the night I have cussed the time and effort necessary to change a plug way out in the waves on a rough night. However, there have been numerous payoffs for the time lost and the difficulties encountered.

Carry as many plugs as possible and show the entire menu to the fish.

Think while you are offering your lures. Did that popper give a bit more resistance to the left hand than usual? Could it have been caused by a bit of weed or grass? Possibly the last hang-up bent the lip of the swimmer? Maybe the sharp point of the hook finally penetrated the plastic body and it is now taking on water? That chipped wooden plug may have become just a little bit water-soaked and consequently its action has been altered.

Don't let a faulty plug louse up your fishing. If it runs too deep or off to one side or the other, bend the eye ever so slightly in the direction you wish the plug to move. If it runs to the right, bend the line tie hanger eye a bit to the left. If it runs down, bend up. Using real care, these repairs can be made on the beach. Back at your buggy or base, check once again and make any adjustments necessary, using the proper tools. Particularly check the hook hanger eyes before the next night's fishing. There are times when some mishap bends the screw eye or elongates the brass hanger eye and this prevents the hooks from swinging freely. Correct by straightening or rounding with a pair of long-nosed pliers. This is a dangerous operation with screw eyes because most of them are hard brass and they tend to crystallize and crack when bent back into position.

Every change in plug action calls for on-the-spot diagnosis. If after a check the plug is found faulty, put it away until it can be overhauled back in the home workshop, away from fishing pressure.

After learning how to build perfect plugs, practicing constantly until they perform according to the slightest command, and developing a checking ritual from which there is no deviation, one other important factor must be assessed before a plug fisherman can expect to catch fish on practically every trip.

How much does it mean for you to catch fish? Are you willing to exhaust yourself fishing round-the-clock for one measly fish? Are you willing to keep pushing when all others have quit?

These are not easy questions to answer honestly. If you decide the answer is "yes," that it is important to catch fish, you must get the plug into the water quickly, keep it there for the longest possible time, and be the very last to pack it in.

Learn to believe in yourself and your home-crafted plugs. Keep pushing, even after all those you know have sacked in for the night. In time, you will be dragging yourself out of the surf night after night with more fish than you ever thought possible.

Get dedicated and catch fish!

GO

If you have stayed with me throughout this series and have followed the directions for making the specialty plugs described, these last few suggestions should stay with you and improve your chances of catching fish. It is my prediction you will have much more enjoyment from the next fishing season than ever before.

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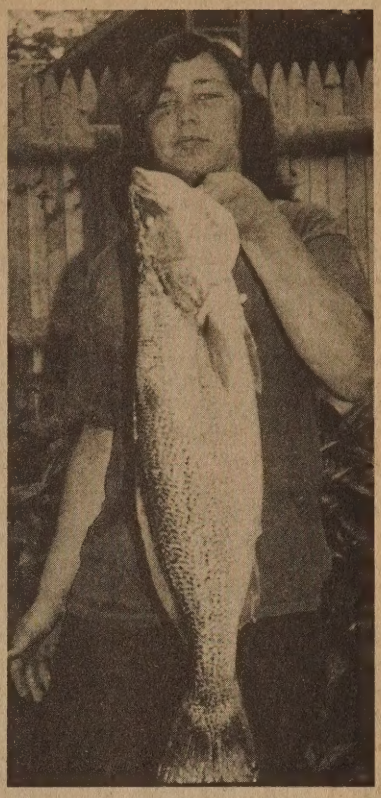

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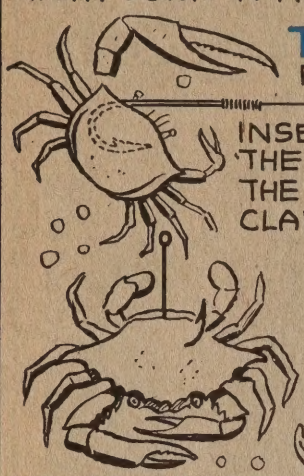

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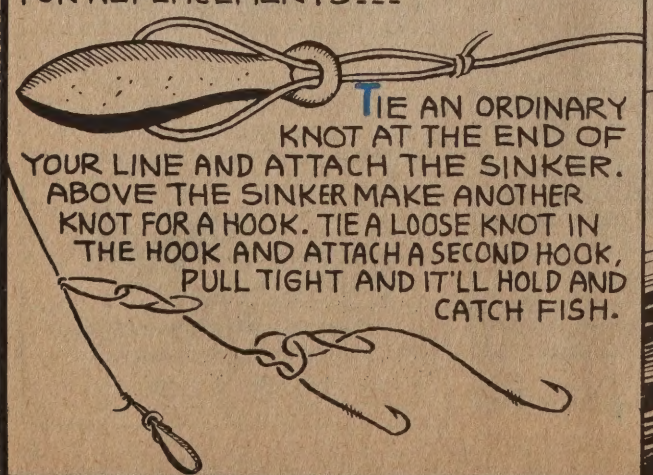

TIE AN ORDINARY KNOT AT THE END OF YOUR LINE AND ATTACH THE SINKER. ABOVE THE SINKER MAKE ANOTHER KNOT FOR A HOOK. TIE A LOOSE KNOT IN THE HOOK AND ATTACH A SECOND HOOK, PULL TIGHT AND IT'LL HOLD AND CATCH FISH.

## TO RIG A LIVE BLACKFISH

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# SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

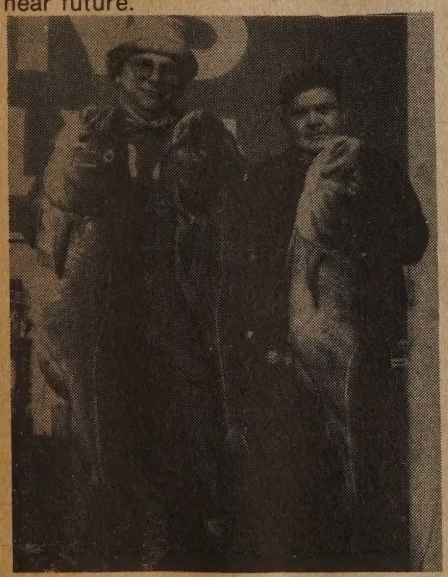
## MONTAUK

Capt. Bud Dorman of the new **Viking Skipper III** said that the codfishing off Block Island was very good during the week, excellent on Saturday, and down on Sunday because of the lumpy seas. Bags of cod, pollack and a few snowshoe flounder were not uncommon on Saturday. Bud said that the new boat saved 35 to 40 minutes off the running time to Block Island.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Vking Star** reported good fishing Saturday and excellent catches on Sunday. It looks like the wind on Sunday started the fish moving and feeding again. George Schuman took 20 fish including a 38 lb. cod to cop the pool. Clint Snyder hung in there with 17 fish. Some nice pollack are also mixed in.

Capt. Brad Glas of the **Helen II** made an experimental fluke trip over the weekend and took more sea bass than fluke. But the fluke are there and should begin feeding heavily by the time this repqrt is read. The Helen II will make its first scheduled run for fluke on June 2nd.

Capt. Jim Behan of the **Peconic Queen II** reported good fishing Saturday despite the fog and fair catches on Sunday, nothing spectacular due to the wind and rough seas. Pool fish have been averaging in the 30's. The draggers have been taking some nice fluke on the south side and should start for hook and line in the near future.



Tony Cossentino of Staten Island, left, took this 48 lb. cod and 8 other fish from the Peconic Queen II at Montauk. John Nelson of Farmingdale, right, with a 45 lb. cod.

## SHINNECOCK

The **Capt. Clark** boats have been making fantastic catches of 4 to 8 lb. weakfish on Salty Dogs and squid. Sunday was down only because of the bad wind. Boat traffic has been super-bad, making fishing difficult. Pool fish on Tuesday was a hefty 9 pounder. Porgies are improving and should be good by the first of the month. Bothe Capt. Clark boats are now fishing off Nassau Point and West of Robbins Island.

Mickey at **Altenkirck Bait & Tackle** on Shinnecock Canal tells us that John Wobst of Southampton landed a 41 lb. and a 46 lb. striped bass on a Lupo Danny Trolling Plug on Friday off Fisher's Island. Mickey said that although the plug comes in two colors, it is this plugs tantalizing action rather than the color that drives the stripers wild. Blues are hitting popping plugs in Shinnecock Inlet occasionally, fish running to 5 lbs. Flounder and small fluke are cooperating in both the Shinnecock Inlet and the Canal when the locks are closed. Alot of weakfish are being taken from the canal aand the inlet area on pink Lupo shrimp.

Pool winners on the Viking Star's Nantucket Wreck Trip May 18th: Carl Miller of Island Park, left, 56 lb. cod; richard Carello of New Hyde Park, center, 34 lb. pollack; Stanley Paskiewicz of Staten Island, right, with 54 lb. cod.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## MORICHES BAY

Fishing in general was excellent on Saturday out of the **Hi-Way Fishing Station**. Fluke are in the channels around the inlet, south of buoy 36, trolling towards buoy 39 and into Hart's Cove. Anglers should take care to watch for fluke under 14 inches and return them to the water. There are a lot of short fluke around the D.E.C. officers will probably start checking catches soon. A few blowfish were taken and weakfish are by the bridges. An 8 lb. 2 oz. weak was weighed in on the weekend for the Long Island Weakfish Tournament. A late call Monday told us that Phillip Hustad on the Whirlwind took a 27 lb. striped bass on a mackerel rig. This may well be a sign that the schools of large bass are migrating towards Montauk and may start blitzing shortly.

Andy of **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** said that flounder are still very good, a few fluke are around, loads of eels, a few stray blowfish and some weakfish by buoy 43. If you want a mixed bag, now is the time. Seatuck Cove has a $5 discount coupon for L.I.F. subscribers in the Fisherman's Package.

## PROMISED LAND

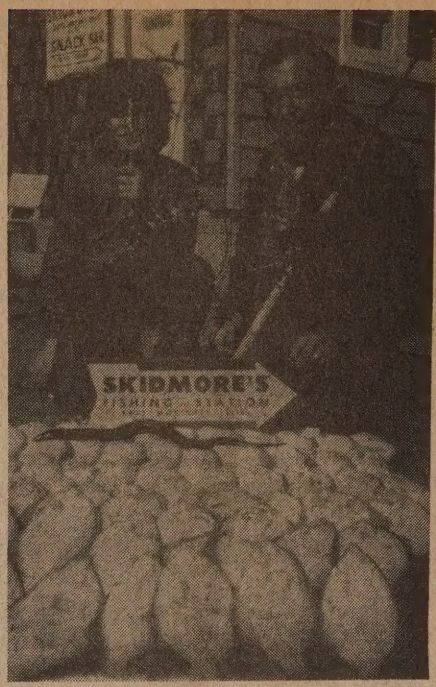
Snowshoe flounder fishing has busted wide open according to Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station**. The hot are right now is off Eastern Plains Point in Tobaccolot Bay in 15 feet of water, but there is also a good pick of large fish close to the station. On Friday one skiff took 72 fish and a dozen fish were over 3 lbs. and one giant of 4 lbs. 4 oz. On Saturday several boats had catches in the 30's of 1½ to 3 lb. flounder. Mussel and skimmers for bait and chum.

## SAG HARBOR

Helen of **Noyac Marin** reports great weakfishing around buoy 16 and 17. Barnard Mancuso of Noyac took 18 weaks including a real tiderunner of 11 lbs. 4 oz. on a pink Salty Dog and squid strips. Fred Born took a 12¼ lb. doormat fluke on a strip of squid with 24 weakfish at buoy 16. Porgies are in and nice size, 1½-2¾ lbs. A few bluefish have also been taken by those fishing for weaks.

## MASTIC BEACH

**Keenan's Fishing Staion** reports that fluke fishing is excellent at buoys 17 and 21 on incoming water using sand eels, squid or artificial shrimp. Blues and weaks are at buoy 17 on both Lupo and Bagley shrimp tipped with squid, all tides. Blue claws in the buoy 17 area for you crab trappers. On incoming there have been flounders at buoys 20 and 21 on bloods and mussel chum. Keenan's offers you a real mixed bag.




**Eddie Sabatino and son Albert of the Bronx took these 81 flounder off buoy 42 in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.**

## WEST SAYVILLE

**J&R Sport** in Oakdale tells us that Ray Schmidt and Harry Langerbeir on Saturday night kept 30 weaks and released 20 up to 10 lbs. taken on the Heckscher flats on large pink artificial shrimp on an incoming tide. Stick to the evenings now. Some fluke in the buoy 4 Heckscher area on all tides on White Touts with squid. There are lots of bunker, grass shrimp, and shiners in the water. A few blues have taken weakfish rigs off Heckscher. Blue claw crabs have started in the Connetquot River and some king fish to 2 lbs. have been hitting flounder rigs. There is good black fishing over Kismet Reef, Moses Bridge and the Oak Beach Jetty's on fiddlers and green crabs and clam, any tides, but best catches are made at high and low slack.

Dudley Young at **Young's Fishing Station** reports that weakfishing seems to be best now from evening to darkness on pink rubber shrimp tipped with squid, both jigged and on the surface off Ocean Beach. Fish are averaging 5 to 8 lbs., with one 9½ lb. weak taken at buoy 29. Diamond jigs and pork rind in the buoy 4 and 5 area are also accounting for medium sized weaks. Flounder are hanging in at buoy 30 on bloodworms and a flooding tide. Fluke on squid between buoys 18 and 19, Ocean Beach. Kingfish are taking flounder rigs with bloodworm at the buoy 4 and 5 area. Some bluefish have been taken in the same area on squid.

**South Bay Fishing Station** reports good weakfishing through Saturday at buoys 4, 5, 3, and 19 on artificial shrimp and hi-low rigs using squid. Incoming water is best. Sunday was a bust due to the weather. a 10½ lb. weak was taken on Wednesday by a Conneticut angler, name unknown. Phil Calise and four buddys bailed 40 weaks on shrimp jigs Wednesday at buoy 3. A four pound fluke fell to a shrimp jig here also.

## CAPTREE

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy V** said that the weekend was a disaster. Saturday's fog was the thickest of the year and it was impossible to make shore ranges. Weakfishing was excellent Friday night off Heckscher in the north end of Range Channel by buoys 3 and 4. White and smoke colored Salty Dogs have been hot for night weakfishing. Boat traffic has been terrible with no courtesy by anyone. THe weakfish are now in the flats, but the bay is dirty and there is a lot of grass around. Fluking was decent on Friday.

Capt. George Roman of the **Captree queen** said that few small weakfish and many up to 8½ lbs. are being taken during the evening on all colors of Salty Dogs. The general area around buoys 3 and 4 off Heckscher has been producing best. Fluke are spread all over the bay but not concentrated in any area yet. "It looks like we're going to have a fantastic season for fluke," according to George Killies are producing many fish in the 1½ to 2 lb. class and there are reports of 4 and 5 pounders.

The **Capt. Joseph Fleet** said that fluke fishing was good all week when conditions were excellent. Fish are small with many throwbacks but a small group can make a nice catch. The weekend fog and wind made for poor fluking because of the strong currents and wind made drifting too fast. An 8 lb. doormat was taken during the week and a 5 pounder was taken Sunday. An occasional bluefish is also taking a fluke bait.

Capt. Bauer of the **Capt. Whittaker** said that Saturday was good for fluke with fares averaging 4 to 5 fluke each up to 3½ lbs. Eighty fluke were taken in Sundays wind including a 7 lb. doormat that took the pool. Conflicting wind and current made for poor drifting. Fluke belly or killie and squid combos are producing drifting from Robert Moses Bridge to the Inlet. On Saturday nights weakfish trip 50 fish were taken 4 to 7 lbs. on pink Salty Dogs. The Capt. Whittaker is running evening trips from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays for fluke and weakfish.

Al at the **Captree Bait Station** reports that the flounder are tapering off at the piers but that fluking is picking up on squid, killies and sand eels on incoming water at the pier and the Captree beach fronts. The weaks have slowed due to spawning. A few schoolie bass have fallen to bottom fished blood worms at Cedar Beach.

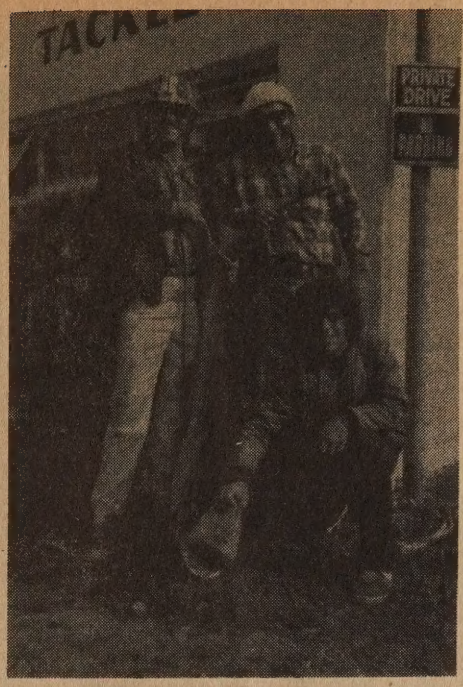
## OAK BEACH

"Great mixed bag fishing," says Bill at **The Store**. Weaks have slacked off some, but they are still around dropping their eggs. Fluking is very good with about ⅓ in the keeper size. The producing area is Fire Island Inlet. A 9 lb. 8 oz. fluke fell to squid, off the beach just east of the Sore Thumb, and the 12 lb. 14 oz. weakfish was taken off the Sore Thumb on a mackerel chunk. Blues are showing in the inlet in the evenings on high water up to 2 lbs. A teen bass was speared off the Sore Thumb so there must be some more around. The flounder hole north of THe Store is still producing on worms, all tides. the Suffolk Police are cracking down on liter bugs, warns Bill.

## BABYLON

**Charlie's Fishing Station** informs us that alot of weakfish are being taken from the State Channel on squid baited hi-low rigs and shrimp jigs. Fluke are also being pulled from the State Channel on squid and sand eels on a flood tide. Flounder and BLOWFISH are being picked, and we say welcome back blowfish.

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** had 18 boats out Saturday and all had pretty fair catches of fluke. Fluking seems to be best in the State Channel,



**First shark of the year weighed-in at Augie's Bait & Tackle in Babylon: Henry Palumbo, center, and Bob Jesen, left and son Danny, right, with the 98 lb. blue shark they took in 210 feet of water 145° out of Fire Island Inlet.**

Dickerson's Channel on squid and sand eels, all tides. Flouner are generally all over the bay. Try off the Babylon Pool and off Good Sam Hospital. Get the flounder while you can they are moving out.

## AMITYVILLE

Weakfishing is fair, reports George Combs of **George Combs Bait & Tackle**, as it is spawning time. Best producing right now are West Island and Unqua Point, and chumming with sand shrimp really helps. Fluke are being taken in many areas up to 5 lbs., but there are plenty of short fish. Return any under 14 inches and let them grow up. Fines for short fish are $60. Fluke hot spots maybe found on a south to north drift on the west side of the third Wantagh Bridge up to the second Wantagh Bridge. West Island is also giving out fluke on live killies and sand eels. A hot combo is a hi-low fluke/weakfish rig with sand worm on the high hook for weakfish. Flounders at the 3rd Wantagh on bloodworms. Blackfishing is good at the bridges and any wrecks on fiddlers and green crab with slack water best. No bass reports yet except for a couple of small stripers taken in the State Channel. Some blue claws around the local pilings and there's every indication that this will be a very good crab season. Blowfish are in evidence and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## LINDENHURST

Duke of **Duke's Tackle Shop** tells us that fluking is very good and at its best outside from the Bell buoy to the pound nets. You can also find the fluke in the Inlet, State Channel and Snake Hill Channel and also Dickerson's Channel. They're eating squid sand eels, killies and spearing on any tides. Lots of short fish and the fine is $60 for the first fluke under 14 inches and $25 for each additional baby. Sixteen-17 inch fish are average keepers in the bays, while outside they're running 3 to 4 lbs. Weaks are very good in 2 to 3 feet of water on the Heckscher Flats on shrimp jigs occasionally festooned with squid strips, best at mid-tides. Blacks are very good over both artificial reefs on fiddlers and green crabs at slack. Some school bass off the beaches on Hopkins and soft baits. Some bluefish have been taken 5 to 7 miles offshore in a chum slick intended for shark. The first blue shark has been brought in by Henry Palumbo of West Babylon on last Tuesday, taken in 210 foot of water, 95 pounds. Blue claws are very good at the Lindenhurst Town Dock in traps and it should be a great crab season.

**Jeffrey Scott Rhein, 3½ and his father Pete caught this 5 lb. 5 oz. weakfish at Ocean Beach on Jeff's first trip of the season with his dad.**

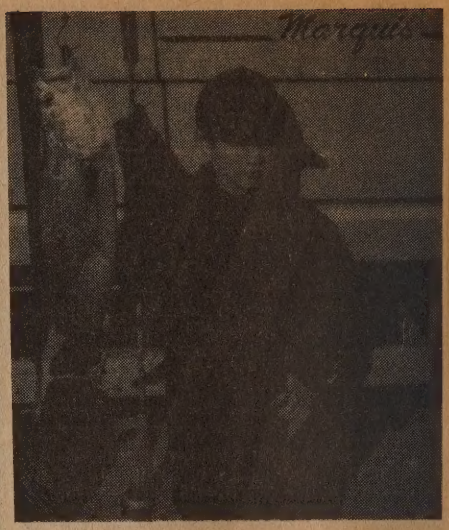
## SEAFORD

Charlie at **Salice Boat Basin** reports great fluke action at Squaw Island and on the East Side of the 3rd Wantagh Bridge on live killies, squid on an ebbing tide. Lots of short fish and be sure to return the infants. Flounders at Four Corners on worm, best with chum on the outgoing tide. A weakfish being picked up here and there.

**Pop's Fishing station** reports nice fluke activity at 4 Corners to the Drain Area. Killies, squid and spearing are doing their thing on all tides. Squaw Island has plenty of flounder left, all tides, no chum, on worms.

## MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports fluking is very good and flounder is tapering off. The Inlet has been good through Saturday as has Ned's Creek and Merrick Point. One angler took 48 fluke at Merrick Point but only 8 were keepers. Conservation Officers are keeping a close eye on all offenders so return the midgets. Two bass in the 30 lb. class were taken off Lido Beach and Long Beach on Lupo Bunker Spoons on Saturday, no other details available. Weaks at the Meadowbrook Bridge on squid fished 3 foot off the bottom, though weakfishing has slowed down. Try Ned's and Broad Creek with killies for fluke and try trolling against and across the current.



**Billy Dobbelaer, 8, standing proud with the 8 lb. 2 oz. weakfish he caught on 6 lb. test on a home-made shrimp lure off Ocean Beach. L.I.F. Subscriber Club Photo.**

**Ed Staub took a full bushel basket of snowshoe flounder 1½ to 3 lbs. off the Fish Factory chumming and baiting with mussels. Photo courtesy of Promised Land Fishing Station.**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### FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** went out Saturday and loaded up on seabass and ling. Some blacks were also caught. Sunday rough seas and strong tides made fishing impossible. It took up to 20 ounces of lead to hold bottom. It was home early at the request of the fishermen.

Capt. Spider Schmidt of the **Aloma II** had very good flounder fishing in the early Saturday morning. The change of tide in the afternoon brought in a good catch of fluke. The Aloma was strong on catching flounder on Saturday. On Sunday southeast winds made for poor drifting conditions and the catch was minimal.

**Empire Fleet** had good catches of flounder and fluke. Half of the fluke were keeper size. The flounder are still nice and fat. Friday there was mostly blacks and eels that were caught. Sunday was just unmentionable.

**Anthony's Fishing Station** tells of lots of fluke in Jones Inlet, at the Coast Guard Station and in Reynolds Channel best on a flooding tide. Using squid, killies, sand eels, and spearing. Average are 9 keepers per boat in the 3½ lb. class, and one 7 pounder was weighed in. Flounder still a good bet at Short Beach on worm and clam baits. Blackfishing is good at the Meadowbrook Bridge Pilings any tide (slack best) on green crab and fiddlers.

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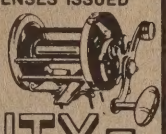

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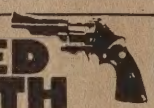

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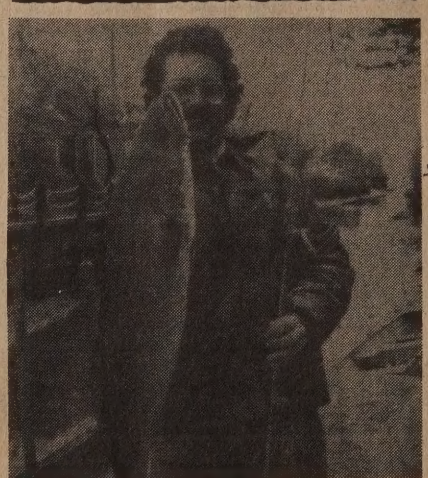

Larry Kalmikoff of Brooklyn holding his 7½ lb. tiderunner. He caught the fish at Ocean Beach on a pink Lupo shrimp. L.I.F. Subscriber Club Photo.


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## POINT LOOKOUT

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** said there was excellent fluke fishing on the flats near the inlet. The Coast Guard Station, Cinder Creek and Reynold's Channel are also producing their share of fluke. The catches are running about 50/50 on keepers. The flats at the Coast Guard Station, Fundy Bay and Cinder Creek still hold a good quantity of flounders if you are fishing the flats. Blacks are in pretty solid at the Rota and Tea Wrecks.

## ISLAND PARK

**Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook reports fluke taking Bingle Flex-Tails with or without squid tips. These are mostly around the channels. Flounders are still around but are smaller in size. Striped bass are being caught along most of the beaches from Rockaway Inlet to Fire Island. They are taking mostly worms but are responding to plugging activity.

## ATLANTIC BEACH

"Fluke galore," says Leon at **Hennings Fishing Station**. You catch 2 to every 1 you keep and range from 2 to 6 lbs. with most around 3 or 4. Every boat gets about 8 to a dozen. Blacks are still around but seem to be easing off. Flounder are still plentiful at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and nearby area. Striped bass are being caught on the outside by bunker spoon trollers working the Lido area.

## JAMAICA BAY

**Crossbay Rod & Gun** reports good flounder fishing at the North Channel Bridge. These fish are ½ to 1 lb. and are taking blood and sand worms. Larger fish are taking the same bait at the South Channel Bridge. It also pays to work the Beach Channel Drive for flounders. One and 2 lb. blacks are taking fiddlers and clams at the Marine Parkway Bridge. School striped bass have been taken in the


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bay on sand worms. Blue claw crabs are starting to show. Fluke can be had off Rockaway Beach and some have been taken in the bay.

## SHEEPSHEAD BAY

**Mike's Tackle** reports good fluke from Norton Point to Debs Inlet. The blackfish are very good at Seabright and Long Branch and are also all over. School striped bass have been trolled on Umbrella rigs at the Tin Can Grounds.

The **Amberjack IV** returned from a disappointing Nantucket Trip. There was very little volume of fish caught although they worked 3 wrecks thoroughly.

**Stella Maris** says there is plenty of fluke around Coney Island and East to Debs Inlet. Saturday and Sunday nights saw blues being taken off. Manhattan Beach and at the Tin Can Grounds by jiggers and trollers. Good bass fishing along the Jersey Coast.

Rhe open boat **Chief** had very good bottom fishing for ling, seabass, and blacks. The ling out-numbered the seabass and blacks tremendously. Sunday saw nice crowds on the boat but heavy seas made for only fair fishing. Some seabass were caught.

## STATEN ISLAND

**Santo's Sport Shop** said the surf fishing for striped bass was slow and spotty at Great Kills. Annadale, Princess Bay and Tottenville are all picking up in striped bass activity. Worms in these places is taking all the fish. If you want artificial fishing action try the back of Great Kills Harbor where the fish range from shorts to 10 lbs. Flounder catches are down while fluke is taking their place. Blacks are rather previlent at Great Kills Jetty and the Old Orange House at the Old Home Dock. For boats that want blacks try the "Bug Light" at Great Kills Bay Lighthouse or the one at Romer Shoals. The West Bank and Romer Shoals are producing school stripers for those trolling the Gorilla rig.

# NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

## GREENPORT

**Art White** says there is weakfish galore in the Peconics and West of Shelter Island. Shrimp lures with squid are your best bet. The Peconics are also loaded with big porgies. Big blacks are in the sound from East Marion to Orient Point as well as the Greenport Jetty.

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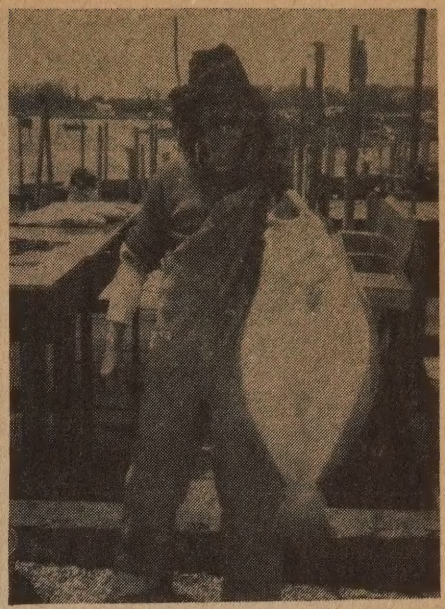
## SOUTHOLD

Elisa at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** said Saturday was a sell out and even though Sunday was threatening they sold out also. There is very good weakfishing at buoys 17 and 18 and at Crab Creek. On Sunday the action was there also but the Windmill area provided shelter from the winds and was just as productive. Seventy-five percent of the weaks caught were taken on squid bait but Tri-Fins new Jig'n Shrimp and Lupo's Shrimp lures also take their share. Porgies were very good southwest of buoy 18 and in the rip at buoy 17. Some blues have also been taken. There have been increased catches of scattered fluke. Blackfish have slowed and Long Beach is your best bet for flounders.

## NEW SUFFOLK

Good weak and porgy fishing in the South Race between buoys 22 and 30 according to **Capt. Marty's Fishing Staion**. The weaks are showing a preference for Salty Dog or Bingle shrimp lures with squid. Squid and sand worm combo is also working well on these weakfish. The porgies are going after their usual diet of worms of clam and get up to 2¼ lbs.



**Matthew Binder of New Jersey hefts the 15 lb. 15 oz. doormat fluke on a squid strip between buoys 14 and 17. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station.**

## JAMESPORT

**Warren's tackle Shop** in Aquebogue sais the weaks are around the south end of Robin's Island and are taking plastic shrimp lures with squid. Flowing water is a must to fish for these weaks. Blues are starting to show but as yet are no problem to the weakfisherman. Flounders can still be had at Peconic River Mouth. The South Race has had occasional catches of fluke.

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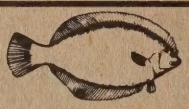

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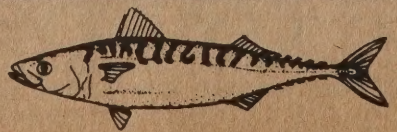



## WADING RIVER

George at the **Wildwood Deli** reports good black and flounder fishing off the beaches from Wildwood to Herod Point. The blacks are 3 to 4 lbs. and hit sand worms or fiddlers. The early morning or late afternoon seems to be best. Flounders are showing a preference for clams or sand worms and the biggest are better than one pound. As far as striped bass of porgies there have been no signs of them as yet.

## MT. SINAI HARBOR

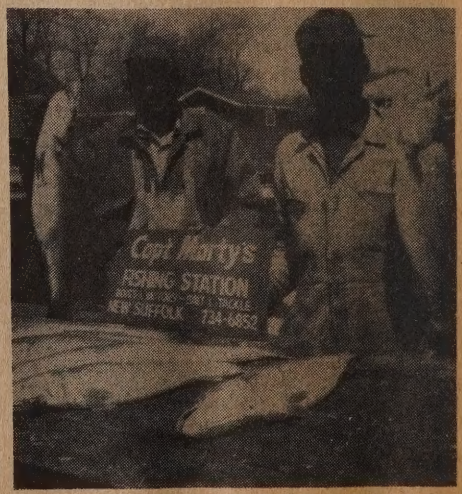
**Dick's Sporting Goods** says there's damn good fishing for blacks, porgies, and flounders. Some weaks have been caught and striped bass have been mixed with these. There are lots of mackerel out in the Sound and occasionally they come into the beaches. With the exception of the mackerel the best all around bait for these fish are worms.

Earl Dietrich of **Queensland Cove Tackle Shop** said the blackfishing has dropped off. The porgies are taking up the slack and flounders are still around. Striped bass fishing is coming alive with the schoolies that are coming in off the beach. There are alot of shorts among these fish. Earl says there is a good school of herring around Mount Sinai Harbor and acres of mackerel out in the Sound.

## PORT JEFFERSON

The **Port Jeff Ace** reports beautiful blackfishing with some flounder, porgies and a scattering of seabass. Capt. Joe Cash said his son Bruce took 25 men from the Plainview AMerican Legion out on the **Jib III**. They did very well on the blackfish and had a good showing of porgies. Frank Denowski of Lindenhurst took the pool with a 10½ lb. black.

**Caraftis Fishing Station** says there




**James Brewington and John Hightower of Cutchogue with 9 weakfish from 5 to 7¾ lbs. they caught south of Nassau Point. Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.**

are plenty of blacks at Mount Misery and also at Miller Place. There are 3 to 4 seabass caught per boat as well as porgies. Fiddlers and worms are your best bet for these fish. The Narrows have a good quantity of schooled striped bass and a couple of weeks have been caught along with them. The flounder activity seems to be inshore of the Mount Misery buoy. These fish go to 2 lbs. and blackfish may also be caught in the same area.

Capt. John Fisher of the **Betty W** said the fishing last week on the open boat was just great. There were many seabass mixing it up with the jumbo blacks that were coming aboard. There have been alot of double headers lately and the pool blacks have run 11 to 13 lbs. Saturday's charter was the Chemical Bank of New York and they loaded up on seabass and blacks. Sunday saw the charter headed by Steve Firestone but the fishing was slowed by the easterly winds. Even so Steve was high hook and Howie Christ was pool winner with a 8 lb. black.

## NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bauman's Tackle** said everything is going. Blackfishing is excellent at Sand City, the Coast Guard Station and Makamah Beach. Fish right in the rocks at high tide with worms or crabs. Nice porgies at Sand City and the best is incoming tide with squid. There was a showing of weaks inside of Duck Island. Six to 7 lb. weaks were hitting shrimp lures with squid. The LILCO Plant Spill way has school bass that are taking plugs or can be chummed with clam bellies.

**James Dubovsky took this 9½ lb. weakfish from the shore at Robert Moses Causeway on a Salty Dog. L.I.F. Subscriber Club Photo.**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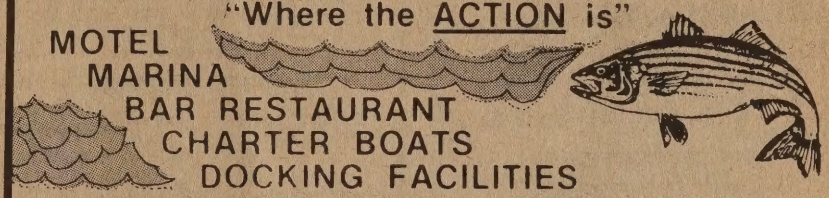

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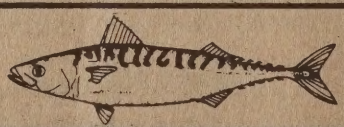

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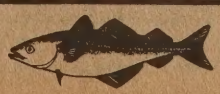

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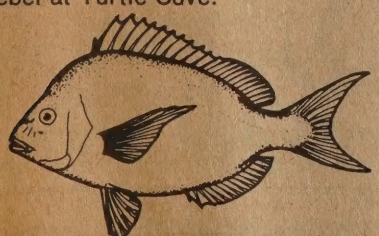


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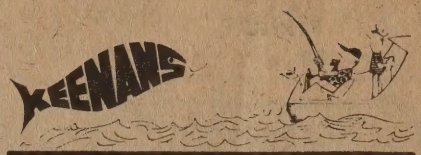
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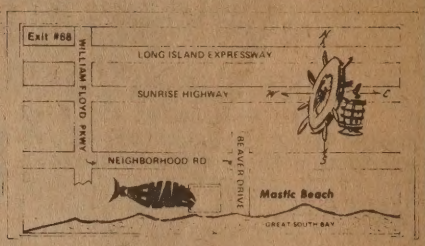


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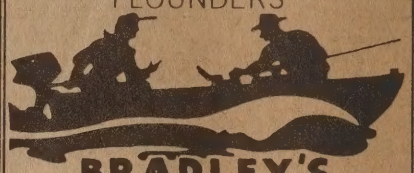
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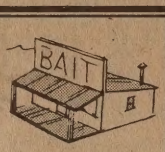


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## WHITE SHARK MYSTERY

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is not presented in a manner that allows you to determine the weight based upon a known body length. To do that, you need to smooth out the data with a single best-fit curve.

At this point in time, my computer-generated best-fit curve of length versus weight for the white shark has yet to be plotted. Someday, I'm sure it will be done. But it won't include a data point for a 36½ footer, because I'm convinced that shark never existed.

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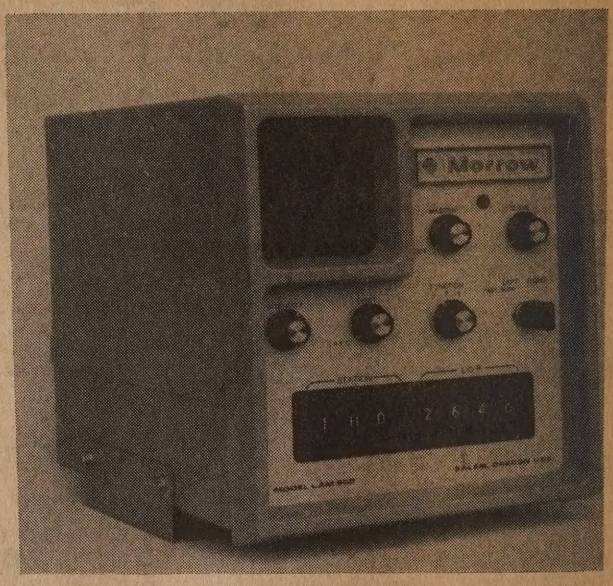


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| ON → / DAY | SANDY HOOK AM | SANDY HOOK PM | NEW LONDON AM | NEW LONDON PM | WILLETS POINT AM | WILLETS POINT PM | BRIDGEPORT AM | BRIDGEPORT PM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5/29 THURSDAY | 11:42 | 11:55 | 12:43 | 1:25 | 2:37 | 3:19 | 2:40 | 3:14 |
| 5/30 FRIDAY | — | 12:29 | 1:34 | 2:19 | 3:17 | 4:00 | 3:27 | 4:02 |
| 5/31 SATURDAY | 12:41 | 1:18 | 2:26 | 3:12 | 4:00 | 4:45 | 4:18 | 4:51 |
| 6/1 SUNDAY | 1:28 | 2:05 | 3:21 | 4:07 | 4:49 | 5:52 | 5:11 | 5:42 |
| 6/2 MONDAY | 2:17 | 2:54 | 4:16 | 5:00 | 5:48 | 6:41 | 6:04 | 6:35 |
| 6/3 TUESDAY | 3:09 | 3:46 | 5:12 | 5:47 | 6:55 | 7:40 | 7:00 | 7:25 |
| 6/4 WEDNESDAY | 4:05 | 4:42 | 6:05 | 6:32 | 8:12 | 8:28 | 7:53 | 8:15 |
| 6/5 THURSDAY | 5:04 | 5:33 | 6:51 | 7:12 | 9:05 | 9:08 | 8:44 | 9:02 |

## SANDY HOOK

| | |
|---|---|
| SHINNECOCK INLET | −0 50 |
| Shinnecock Bay | +1 25 |
| East Quogue | +2 45 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +1 18 |
| Indian Reservation | +3 05 |
| MORICHES INLET | −0 56 |
| Smith's Point | +3 28 |
| Harts Cove | +1 30 |
| Potunck Point | +3 35 |
| Mastic Beach | +3 28 |
| FIRE ISLAND INLET | −0 38 |
| Inlet & Dem. Pt. | −0 38 |
| Coast Giard Sta. | −0 19 |
| Fire Island Light | +0 47 |
| GREAT SOUTH BAY | |
| Sayville | +3 39 |
| Heckscher State Pk. | +3 20 |
| Bay Shore | +2 23 |
| Babylon | +2 12 |
| Amityville | +2 21 |
| JONES INLET | −0 19 |
| Loop Pkwy. Bridge | +0 25 |
| Zachs Bay | +1 25 |
| Seaford Harbor | +2 05 |
| Freeport Creek | +0 34 |
| E. ROCKAWAY INLET | −0 06 |
| Long Beach Bridge | +0 19 |
| ROCKAWAY INLET | −0 00 |
| Beach Ch. (Bridge) | +0 38 |
| JFK Airport | +0 26 |
| STATEN ISLAND | +0 27 |
| MANASQUAN | −0 12 |

## WILLETS POINT

| | |
|---|---|
| Little Neck Bay | −0 10 |
| Execution Light | −0 06 |
| Manhasset Bay | −0 01 |
| Hempstead Harbor | −0 11 |
| City Island | −0 03 |
| Rye Beach | −0 28 |

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| | |
|---|---|
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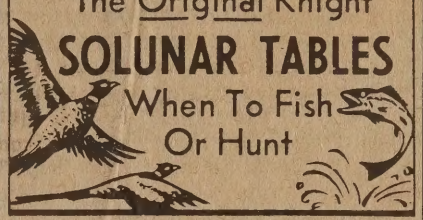
| Connecticut River | +1 10 |
| Little Gull Is. (Race) | +0 12 |
| Greenport | +1 04 |
| Southold | +1 43 |
| New Suffolk | +2 26 |
| South Jamesport | +2 32 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +2 33 |
| Noyack Bay | +2 05 |
| Sag Harbor | +0 59 |
| Gardiners Bay | +0 21 |
| Promised Land | −0 14 |
| Fort Pond Bay | −0 29 |
| Montauk Inlet | −0 25 |
| Montauk Point | −1 13 |

## BRIDGEPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Lloyd Point | +0 08 |
| Cold Spring Harbor | +0 08 |
| Bayville Bridge | +0 13 |
| Eatons Neck Point | +0 03 |
| Northport Bay | +0 03 |
| Norwalk Islands | +0 10 |
| Smithtown Bay | −0 03 |
| Cranes Neck Point | +0 05 |
| Port Jefferson Harbor | +0 03 |
| New Haven Harbor | +0 08 |
| Mount Sinai Harbor | −0 08 |
| Herod Point | −0 07 |
| Mattituck Inlet | +0 19 |
| Horton Point | −0 20 |
| Truman Beach | −0 42 |

**To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.**

## The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt



The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration

| | A.M. Minor | A.M. Major | P.M. Minor | P.M. Major |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5/29 | 8:50 | **3:05** | 9:15 | **3:30** |
| 5/30 | 9:45 | **3:55** | 10:05 | **4:20** |
| 5/31 | 10:35 | **4:45** | 10:55 | **5:05** |
| 6/1 | 11:20 | **5:30** | 11:40 | **5:50** |
| 6/2 | — | **6:10** | 12:05 | **6:30** |
| 6/3 | 12:20 | **6:45** | 12:45 | **7:10** |
| 6/4 | 12:55 | **7:25** | 1:25 | **7:45** |
| 6/5 | 1:35 | **8:00** | 2:00 | **8:25** |

## PHASES OF THE MOON

| 6-9 | 6-16 | 6-23 | 6-1 |
|---|---|---|---|
| NEW | 1st Qtr. | FULL | Last Qtr. |

## SUNRISE/SUNSET

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 6-6 | 5:32 | 8:25 |
| 6-12 | 5:30 | 8:29 |
| 6-18 | 5:30 | 8:31 |
| 6-24 | 5:31 | 8:32 |

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#2
#3
MAKO
#1
#2
#3
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#2
#3

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